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SELECTMEN'S REPORT ELECTIONS AND TOWN MEETING

Elections and Town Meeting are once more upon us. Conval has already had its informational meeting to discuss the budget. I hope that most of you had a chance to attend this meeting, as an informed voter is a smart voter. The only major change to the proposed budget was the division of the renovation costs into separate groups. We will be voting on 1.) raising funds to renovate Antrim and Peterborough Elementary schools; 2.) build an addition to the high school to incorporate more room in the cafeteria, and 3.) funds to build a new SAU building.

Elections will take place this year on Tuesday, March 9, from 8 AM to 7 PM. There is only one contested position

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RURAL RIDES AND DE FEET

I couldn't drive. My foot told me that I needed to keep that doctor's appointment on Tuesday February 9th.

1. Monday morning, February 8th—I called 1-800-244-2144, the American Red Cross in Keene.
2. Monday afternoon, February 8th—Spencer Garrett (Rural Rides Driver) called me to confirm time and doctor's address.
3. Tuesday afternoon, February 9th—Spencer came to the house, drove me to the doctor's, then deposited me back home.

That's the way it is supposed to work! Can one ask more than that?

— Lois Harriman

REPORT FROM THE STATE HOUSE

Dear Friends and Neighbors: you haven't been forgotten since my election as State Representative for Antrim, Deering and Windsor. Thank you again for choosing me! I'd like to keep you updated and provide you with a window and a voice into legislative activities.

First, you should know what a wonderful orientation job was for freshmen (and women) legislators. Over a period of several days, we learned about the legislative process, protocol, how bills get enacted, who has responsibility for what and how best to conduct oneself at the outset...be careful, we were told, not to get pigeon-holed too soon as a conservative, a radical lefty or whatever. So I've taken that advice and done a lot of listening and observing and feel as though I'm lucky to be gaining such a valuable political education.

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TOWN HISTORY REVISITED PHILIP RILEY, ANTRIM'S FIRST SETTLER

Between Antrim and Hillsboro on Route 202, in the vicinity of Whitney Road and the Old Turnpike, a steep mountain looms up in the west which is called Riley Mountain, so named for an adventure Philip Riley encountered back in the 1770s.

Philip Riley was born in County Antrim, Ireland in 1719 and soon after emigrating to Boston he came with other settlers to Hillsboro in 1744. He built his cabin a few rods south of the brick house now owned by Fairfield Whiting. Two years later he and his friends were alerted to Indian attacks in nearby Contoocook and Charlestown and they fled back to safety in Massachusetts. When Riley returned in 1761, this time with his family, he was surprised by several things. First of all he had a hard time finding his cabin which was now hidden in the dense undergrowth of 15 years; secondly, his tools which he had hidden in a hollow log were safe and untouched, and most surprising of all, he discovered that he was no longer living in Hillsboro!

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CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD

IMPORTANT ISSUES TO BE AWARE OF AS WE
CAST OUR VOTES MARCH 9

January 30 was the date for Session I of the Annual School District Meeting at the Conval High School Gymnasium. Residents turned out to hear the warrant articles read and then to discuss, debate and amend those articles if they chose. There was a light turnout, unfortunately, as more voters could have had an impact not only in the voting booth, but on *what* they would be voting. The net result of that meeting will appear on your ballot Tuesday, March 9.

A crucial warrant article for Antrim, **number 1a** on the ballot, asks the voters for authorization to raise an additional \$2.4 million to complete the renovations at Peterborough Elementary School (\$1.9 million) and at Antrim Elementary School (\$500,000). This money is being requested since the amount originally budgeted using lesser inflationary projections, has been deemed inadequate to get the job done. Antrim's project was set at \$900,000 some five or six years ago, and voters are no

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STATEHOUSE REPORT continued

One of the best surprises is the good feeling of camaraderie among Democrats and Republicans, something I really wasn't expecting.

The focus of everyone's attention has been on solving the Claremont education funding challenge, as you are undoubtedly aware from all the radio, TV and newspaper stories. It's crystal clear to all the legislators that an answer to this problem must be found by April 1, or every city and town in New Hampshire will run out of school funding money by June. It's a veritable sword of Damocles hanging over our heads, thanks to the Supreme Court, and we really can't afford to die!

Several good funding bills that meet constitutional muster have been introduced in the legislature so far, including Speaker Donna Sytek's equalized property tax plan. Each is being studied carefully to determine whether they

will measure up to the court ruling, and then voted on to pass along to the Senate. That's the stage we're at right now.

You should know what a wonderful legacy your previous House Rep, Gordon Allen, left behind for me to fill. Gordon is still considered one of the most respected authorities on the subject of education funding. I see him over at the State House all the time, consulting with folks on various bills coming through.

Gordon Allen and several other people have formed an organization called Citizens for Fair Education taxation. Its purpose is to help legislators evaluate the various education funding bills coming through right now. They have come up with "reality checks" that are useful for assessing the various proposed plans. They could be helpful to you too, so here is a summary:

TAX PLAN REALITY CHECKS

1. Do the taxes proposed to fund "adequacy" meet the constitutional test of being proportional by having an equal rate in every town statewide?
2. Will the proportional taxes proposed raise at least \$800,000,000 per year, now and in the future?
3. Are there sufficient details to determine realistically whether the plan will do what it says?

ADEQUACY CHECKS

1. Does the definition of adequacy and its per pupil rate go beyond "minimum" or "basic" levels as the Claremont Decision requires?
2. Does the plan provide for future student needs to cope with a changing world?
3. Is the plan based on achieving student proficiency as the court guidelines clearly require?

FAIRNESS CHECKS

1. Does the tax system consider a taxpayer's ability-to-pay and provide relief to poorer taxpayers?
2. Does the plan consider a community's ability to pay and provide relief to communities that are property-poor and income-poor?

These are some of the important questions being asked about the various education funding bills currently before the legislature.

If you'd like to know more about the details and have access to the internet (Antrim's Tuttle Library has internet access), check out the State House WEB SITE at:

www.state.nh.us

I'm interested in hearing from you with your thoughts about education funding or any other issues that you have. You can reach me by phone at 478-3166; by e-mail: richard@interlocken.com or by regular mail: Richard Herman, Interlocken, RR 2 Box 165, Windsor, NH 03244.

Enjoy the remainder of winter and wish us all luck on finding the right tax plan solution!

— Representative Richard Herman

LADYBUGS AND THE WEATHER

We are grateful to Bonner McAllester for this article, written last fall and published in the Monterey (Massachusetts) News. She is an accomplished naturalist who has published extensively. Editor

All this uncertainty about what the weather is, will be, or even has been, is enough to make one long to be, say, a beetle. To be a beetle the weather is now, that's all. You wake up in the morning, feel a nip in the air, note the shorter days, and start looking for someplace small and dark to spend the winter. Actually you don't think in terms of "spend the winter," you just look for someplace small and dark that can be crawled into. You might spend the winter there, you might spend the afternoon there: you don't know the difference.

If you are a ladybug you might be male or you might be female but you are not a "bug" in the true sense of the word. You are a beetle, with the typical beetle variation on the basic insect plan. You have the six legs and you have the two pairs of wings, only in your case the upper or forward pair do not fly. They operate as two halves of a storm door or rounded hatch that opens to let the other pair of wings open up and fly. The storm door wings are called elytra and they are usually tough like armor, usually a bit rounded, and often highly decorated. In the ladybug they are some sort of orange and most of the time they are more or less spotted.

This having been the kind of fall it has been (I am tempted to say "mild"), the ladybugs have not yet disappeared into their dark little hibernacula. The short day lengths have made them poke around some looking for cracks in the wall, but then the warm temperatures have not allowed them to cool down and slow down. So we have restless ladybugs, or at least they seem restless to us.

Ladybugs have been making the news for several years because for the first time in our experience they are coming into our houses by the thousands. From their point of view, they are not coming into houses—they don't know from houses. You are a ladybug looking for a hibernaculum, a small dark place. You are attracted to a large surface. You crawl about, tapping with your six little feet and your stubby antennae. You find a little crack and jam into it. You jam farther and farther—this crack goes deep! It goes around bends, opens up a bit, gets small again, and suddenly, WO! You have dropped out into a big open place with chairs and tables. This is not what you had in mind. You tune your homing device to the light. You want to go up, to the sky, get out of this, so you open your elytra, spread your delicate brown flying wings and take off for the open sky. WHACK! There is a vertical solid place in the air and you bang into it. You fall to a shelf. You stow your wings and climb up the solid air. What else can you do? You spend all day climbing around this thing, all your instincts telling you to fly to the light, but flying is not in it, for you.

This is likely to be the end of your story. You are not evolved to deal with windows or with the insides of houses.

If you are lucky, someone will gently remove you from the glass and release you outside. The next crack you jam into might be on a rough rock face or a big dead tree. You might come to the end of the crack and feel its comforting smallness around you as the predicted dire winter sets in. Ah, you sigh. Your systems slow to imperceptible and you enter a state of nearly suspended animation during which you do not age. You are on "pause" until spring, when you will be roused by warmth, by long days. Your little hormones surging, you will mate, and if you are a lady, you will lay eggs on the underside of a leaf. Your babies will emerge hungry and equipped with monstrous jaws. They will tear into aphids and other smaller creatures and they will grow into larger and larger larvae until it is time for their metamorphosis to typical adult ladybugs (or beetles).

Fall comes and you start all over again, only you are not the same old you. You were a 1998 adult ladybug, but you only lived through the winter and into the summer. Now your grown babies carry on your beetle purpose in life. Your splendidly spotted adult ladybug body has fallen in the orchard and turned to topsoil, raising up the trees and leaves to feed the aphids which feed your babies. With this kind of cyclical certainty, it's no wonder you have no need of weather predictions.

— Bonner McAllester

ANTRIM IN THE EVENING PLANNING 5TH SEASON OF OUTDOOR MUSIC

Summer may seem an eternity away, but plans are well underway for the fifth great season of Antrim in the Evening, bringing music and entertainment to the Memorial Park bandstand. The Antrim in the Evening committee is currently planning its Summer 1999 schedule featuring popular favorites, as well as some exciting new performers. Meanwhile, the volunteer committee is beginning its fund-raising activities to support the upcoming season of performances, which is entirely supported by donations from local businesses, organizations, churches, and individuals. Your financial support of Antrim in the Evening is greatly appreciated—and it's tax deductible! To make a donation in any amount, please contact committee chairman Jonas Taub at 588-6208.

TALENT SHOW

Fund raising is also being done with a Talent Show to be held Friday May 14th, at 7:00 PM at Great brook School. Anyone, any age, who would like to participate please call Don Readel at 588-4106.

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. For the next issue, copy should be delivered by May 8, either to a staff member or to the Tuttle Library.

THE HUNTINGTON FAMILY

This article is an edited excerpt from the second interview in the Antrim Historical Society's "Oral History Project" the purpose of which is to create a repository of town history in the spoken words of Antrim residents. The interview was conducted in the Antrim Baptist Church October 22, 1998.

Present were Huntington siblings Marion Moulton (78), Ellen Nichols (76), Sidney Hunt (75), Alice Chase (71), and Alice's daughter Dawne Hugron. No attempt has been made to indicate the person speaking; as one individual recalls an incident, others are reminded and add comments. Everyone appeared to enjoy our two-hour conversation which was often punctuated with laughter.

Our parents were Rodney Quincey Huntington (1879-1952) and Hattie Huntington (1896-1971). Sidney's twin brother Arthur died of walking pneumonia in 1939.

Where did you live?

On Depot Street, across the road from the Tenney farm, where Dawne and Sonny Hugron live now. The house isn't there any more; it's been gone for three years. It was built in the late seventeen hundreds by Isaac Baldwin behind what is now the Tenney house. He built our house, and then lived in it while he was building the brick house, the Tenney house. When that was all built he moved it over across the road. Mark Tenney has a picture of that, with our house behind the brick house.

Interviewer: Since we're in the Baptist Church, perhaps we should start there.

We went to Sunday School here. Us girls would go to Sunday school, but the boys, Sidney and Arthur, would hide in the field where Antrim Village is now. They wouldn't go to Sunday school very often. We would have pennies to put in the offering at church but the boys would go over to Proctors...it wasn't Proctors then, it was Butterfields. The boys would go over and get some candy, and then they'd wait for us girls to come home down Depot Street. Wouldn't they go play in the coal fields too, over at Goodell Company? They'd go out and play in the coal. I remember my mother talking about it. She had two white sailor suits. They went off to church, or were supposed to, but they came home and they had coal dust all over them. (*Laughter*) This was in the middle thirties, thirty two, thirty three.

We all went to the Baptist Church. We were on the Cradle Role. They don't have that any more. When a baby is born they automatically put him on the Cradle Role and you get a little diploma. They stopped doing it years ago. They give you a rose today, a dedication. Our mother was involved with the church. She wasn't a member, but after us kids went to school they had a Ladies Sewing Circle here and she used to come. I remember coming here for dinner once a month. It was good, we used to look forward to it.

We all went to school next door; all twelve grades were in that building. Each teacher had two grades. You went in

the back door in first grade and came out the front door graduated from high school. (*Laughter*) We would walk up from the house down on Depot Street. In the winter if it was bad weather we'd take our lunch so we wouldn't have to go home in the storm, and we used to play games on the blackboard during the noon hour, and that was fascinating for us too, a lot of fun, tic tac toe; I can't remember any of the rest of the games.

But we remember all of the teachers. Mrs. Mulhall, Gertrude, Gurt. There was a Miss Buxton who taught first and second grades. I can see her now; she was a little short woman had red hair pulled back in a plug, and her face was covered with freckles, and she wore glasses. Then Alice Cuddihy taught third and fourth; she was a local woman. You've heard of the Cuddihys, not Bruce's mother, an aunt. Alice Cuddihy was never married. She lived up to Gregg Lake. There was a building called Waumbek Camp, and her family owned it and run it. There's still the sign on the building, right on that corner. It burnt, and they rebuilt it. It's just a family house now, not as big as it originally was. **When I interviewed Smoky Merrill he told me about a mean principal at the school.**

Oh yes, Thomas Chaffee. We called him Ichabod Crane, not to his face. He was tall and a little bit hunched over, tall and thin. (*Laughter*) Then there was Miss Balch, she taught fifth and sixth. You know Balch Acres in Bennington, Sand Hill? Her brother lived up there, and they owned the whole top of that hill. She used to come to school with a horse and a little buggy, and she used to park it out back here in the carriage house of the church parsonage house where the garage is now. Sometimes she kept the horse at the hotel; the man at the hotel took care of it. The Maplehurst. Was Arthur Kelly the proprietor there? Yes, that's right, I've been trying to remember who owned it. Arthur Kelly owned and run the hotel. I can't remember anything more about him. People didn't call it the Maplehurst, just "The Hotel," the only one around, we all knew where it was. It's still just "The Hotel" to me.

I remember Perkins Livery was across the street, right on Summer Street. The stable was right behind the telephone office next to the dam. Carl Perkins had it, and then Archy Perkins after Carl died. Archy lived where the Utters, Julie Utter lives now. I think Carl was the father.

What do you remember about the depression?

Well, potatoes and string beans, and salt pork. Money was short. Our father worked every day at Goodell Company, but he didn't bring much money home. At that time he was buying the house. I don't remember much about the depression, but it was the only way of life that we knew, and we didn't know any different. We had everything we needed

When we were kids there weren't many cars. We used to slide on Depot Street at night. We used to go way up on High Street and slide down and then shoot right up in

front of Martin and Isobel Nichols's house and go down Depot Street, on our old double runners. That was when there was a cross street going from the bottom of High Street up to Depot Street. We'd start up at about Arthur Poor's house, where you used to live. We used to go up there and get eggs, cracked eggs, get a bucket full for a quarter. (*Laughter*) We used to slide way down beyond where Tenney's live, about to the first bridge. Depot Street was a dirt road then. It was a long slide, but the walk back was worse. We didn't make it more than once or twice a night. But back then we didn't mind it, we were always singing and laughing. After a while, Ed Coughlin's father used to tow us back up there behind his station wagon. (*Laughter*) We made our own fun back then; we didn't have television, we didn't have a radio until we were sixteen or seventeen. We were eighteen before we even had indoor plumbing. We had town water but no hot water and no toilet. We had to run like the devil out to the shed. It was down a little incline so in the winter you could slide. It was a three holer. A little one for Alice. Two big ones for them, and a little one for me. (*Laughter*) We didn't believe in toilet paper back then, just the Sears and Roebuck catalogue or newspaper, whatever was around.

Our father worked at the knife factory, and mother was at home. She cleaned houses after a while when us kids got older. I remember she worked for Hiram Johnson where you live now. And Bill Hurlin and Henry Hurlin.

Getting back to High Street, there used to be a big apartment house and a gas station there in the banking across from Goodell Company. Morris Poor and Don Robinson owned the gas station. I was born in the bottom of the apartment house; the top of the house is where Dicky Edmunds lives now; they moved it up the hill. It is on the Carter House foundation; the Carter House used to be a boarding house.

You know where Dr. Dowling lives? Right across the road there's a wooden garage. Well, that wasn't there; there was a building there with two apartments. In my time Howard Humphrey and Edna used to live there when they were first married. I think Peanut was born when they lived there; that's Howard Humphrey, Jr, they always called him "Peanut." And, then after a while, Bill and Harriet Edes lived there, then Flossie and Pete Murray. Pauline Whitney and her mother lived on the other end.

During the flood back in '38 we used a rope tied from our barn to the house on the corner of Water Street... help me out, who lived there? Maggie Shay lived there. We used the rope to hold onto to get back and forth in the boat. I remember my father had a pig in the boat trying to get it to dry land. Well, it got caught in the current, it tipped over, and the pig went one way and he went another. (*Laughter*) Earl Gibson got the pig back. I was eleven. We had to move out; we was all scattered all over town. Our father and Arthur stayed in the barn; they wanted to sleep in the barn. On the barn floor there the water was about six inches from the scuttle. We'd milk the cows and then dump the milk right

down the scuttle, gallons of it, couldn't get it out, nobody wanted it. (*Laughter*)

In 1941 the Tenney house caught on fire. Lyman Chamberlain, he was over to the house, came over to our house, said he had to get his radio. He was signed up for the army. We tried to talk him out of going back for his radio, and that was the last thing we saw of him. He was twenty-two years old. They found him in a closet with a table cloth over his head; he suffocated from the smoke. He worked at the Cocabola shop. He was a blond, but his hair used to be red and his hands were red after playing with that Cocabola. They used to make the handles out of Cocabola wood down at the handle shop on Water Street. No, that wasn't the handle shop, that was the Cucumber Shop. Why did they call it the Cucumber shop? I have no idea. I never knew why they called it that. Maybe it was some sort of handle that went to some special thing like the asparagus digger, or something. (*Note: According to Martin Nichols and Parades and Promenades the building was called "the cucumber shop" because the men working there planted large quantities of cucumbers which they ate for lunch.*) That brick building is still on Water Street; it was part of the whole Goodell operation. There used to be lots and lots of Cocabola outside. They had rosewood too. I used to get 'em from the depot down there and truck 'em up and saw 'em up into pieces so they could make 'em into handles. It's a South American wood, very hard. The logs were shipped up from New York City. We had an electric hoist down that the Goodell Company bought and set up down there. So we'd hook on, press a button, and pull the logs out, and put 'em onto the truck.

Our father always had a snake under his hat. Don't ask me why, I don't know. He'd use to scare people; he go up to somebody and take his hat off, and there was a snake. He liked to scare George Edes because George was petrified of him. Every chance he'd get he'd have a little grass snake in his hat—he was bald—a little grass snake curled up there. And the men, they'd be petrified of it and run. (*Laughter*)

Our front lawn used to be the bean garden, and the next year we'd plant potatoes there. Where Sonny has his junkyard, one corner of it by the stone wall was where the potatoes were. We had apple trees down there too, a plum tree, and on the stone wall was grapes. The grapes are still there, apple trees are still there, and asparagus is still there, still coming up. The raspberries are still there. Mother would can everything, five hundred jars every year. A big kettle, no pressure cookers, a wood stove. We had vegetables all winter. I raised a steer, and we raised a pig; they'd put down salt pork every year. We had chickens and, when they stopped laying, I remember the chicken went into the pot. We were better off than most because we always had something to eat. We didn't have much money, we did have a lot to eat. We grew all of our food. And we had a lot of fun.

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THE HUNTINGTON FAMILY continued

How did World War II affect you?

To me it didn't seem very real, it was so far away. There were some things we couldn't get, sugar and butter. My first child was born in 1942 and I bought a carriage for her and the frame was made of wood, even the wheels. And I had a bicycle with wooden wheels and wood spokes on it. Dawne still has the old highchair we all sat in. She cleaned it up and add some dowels, but underneath there's still a little crud.

We used to go up to the ball field during the war where there was a small tower and we had to look out for the airplanes and then report them. Every plane that went over was reported during war time.

Sidney here was in the Army. I went in '43. I was in the Pacific. He was on Iwo Jima. I was there when they raised the flag. I was over there nine months, on Iwo about three months, then all over the Pacific. I was in 40 mm anti aircraft, "The Fighting 483rd." We were supposed to go to Japan, but they dropped the bombs and we went home. After the war I worked here and there. I worked for Goodell. We all worked for Goodell's. I worked for the railroad putting ties and rails in before I went in the service.

Remember Rupert "Rupie" Wissell who had a restaurant where the Laundromat is now? Rupie was a short man. It was a good restaurant, five or six stools. Dawne and his son Eddie and Brian brown and Eddie Coughlin had their picture taken down under the old apple tree. They all met down to the house.

Alice used to ride the manure spreader with Billy Weeks. That was my first boyfriend, I was four years old. We all rode the manure spreader which was drawn by a horse. And it stunk, but I didn't care, I was with Billy. He planted that big maple tree in our yard. He was a friend of the family and worked there on the farm. Fred Colby owned the farm at that time.

Remember the old watering tub in front of the town hall, right under the bulletin board? When we were coming home from school we'd get everybody wet. There was a hitching post, a stone post with an iron ring. The only tub in operation now is up at the end of West Street. Pat Webber takes care of it. It's a beautiful old tub.

I remember that every house in Antrim had white picket fences and beautiful maple trees, and we'd take a stick going home from school and run it along the whole length of Main Street. But the hurricane of '38 took down lots of the trees.

— Lyman Gilmore

Many thanks to Renee Blinn for her outstanding efforts in the design and layout of the last issue of the LIMRIK. Despite a crashed computer and "lost" documents, the issue was saved and made it to the printer by the deadline.

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED continued

opers of the time, had drawn definitive lines of the territory, and the area between Hillsboro and Peterborough was now called "Society Lane". The northern half was popularly called Antrim; one source claims Riley gave it this name in memory of his birthplace. In any case, it was nearly a decade later before James Aiken and others came from Londonderry to form the nucleus of a community which in 1777 was incorporated as the Town of Antrim.

Meanwhile Philip Riley and his family lived a lonely life on the northern border of town. When John Gordon came to settle in what is now North Branch in 1772 Riley decided to pay him a visit. Why he wanted to blaze a trail from his cabin over that formidable mountain instead of following the North Branch River to Gordon's place is a query; perhaps it was just that old spirit of adventure. At any rate it proved to be too much adventure for a man in his fifties. Darkness overcame him, he became disoriented and had to spend the night on the mountain top. When he eventually reached his destination, Gordon was so impressed with him that he decreed that the mountain should forever more be known as Riley's Mountain. An so it has.

In Colonial times it appears that phonetic spelling was acceptable, and the name of Riley appears in town papers of the 18th century spelled at least seven different ways before settling on "Raleigh". If there was any truth to the rumor that Philip was descended from Sir Walter Raleigh that could account for it.

Rev. John M. Whiton, Antrim's first formal historian refers to Philip Riley as "a man of very limited information". Three decades later historian Rev. W. R. Cochrane was less judgmental, calling Mr. Raleigh a simple, peaceable old man. For some reason, in spite of having eight sons and four daughters, Riley/Raleigh in his old age became dependent upon the town for his living. Eventually he went to Sudbury, Massachusetts to live with a daughter where he died in 1791.

In his genealogy of Antrim families, dating to 1940, Rev. Ralph Tibbals was able to trace over 30 descendants of Philip Riley/Raleigh, several of whom lived in southern New Hampshire. He may have been a man of very limited information, but one of his descendants is currently a college president, according to recently received communication.

Another descendent within the memory of some present Antrim residents performed a singular service to the town. When prohibition was repealed in 1933 Antrim remained a "dry" town, while Bennington went "wet" with President Roosevelt's followers. It was but a short walk from the center of Antrim village to Hen Raleigh's store, just over the Bennington line, where "dry" citizens of Antrim could legally purchase 3.2 beer.

Around 1918 a short-lived local historical society took as a project finding the actual location of Philip Riley's cabin, and a map of their results hangs in the historical room at the Tuttle Library. There is no stone or permanent marker to show the location—which would seem to be a worthwhile project for the present society.

— Isabel B. Nichols

CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD continued

doubt aware that construction costs have quadrupled since that time. Article number 1b is also critical for voters to be thinking about, as it asks for money to expand the size of the high school cafeteria. The cafeteria was originally built to seat 200 students. At the time the high school was constructed, student population was around 600. Since then part of the cafeteria has been taken over for kitchen space and the student population has grown to over 900, plus some 75 students who attend the tech center. If you talk to any of the high school students, they will tell you the overcrowding, not being able to get food in a timely manner and having to eat on the floor or in hallways makes daily lunchtime a frustrating experience.

Both of these articles require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority to pass, so it is especially important that voters get to the polls on March 9 so that their voices are heard.

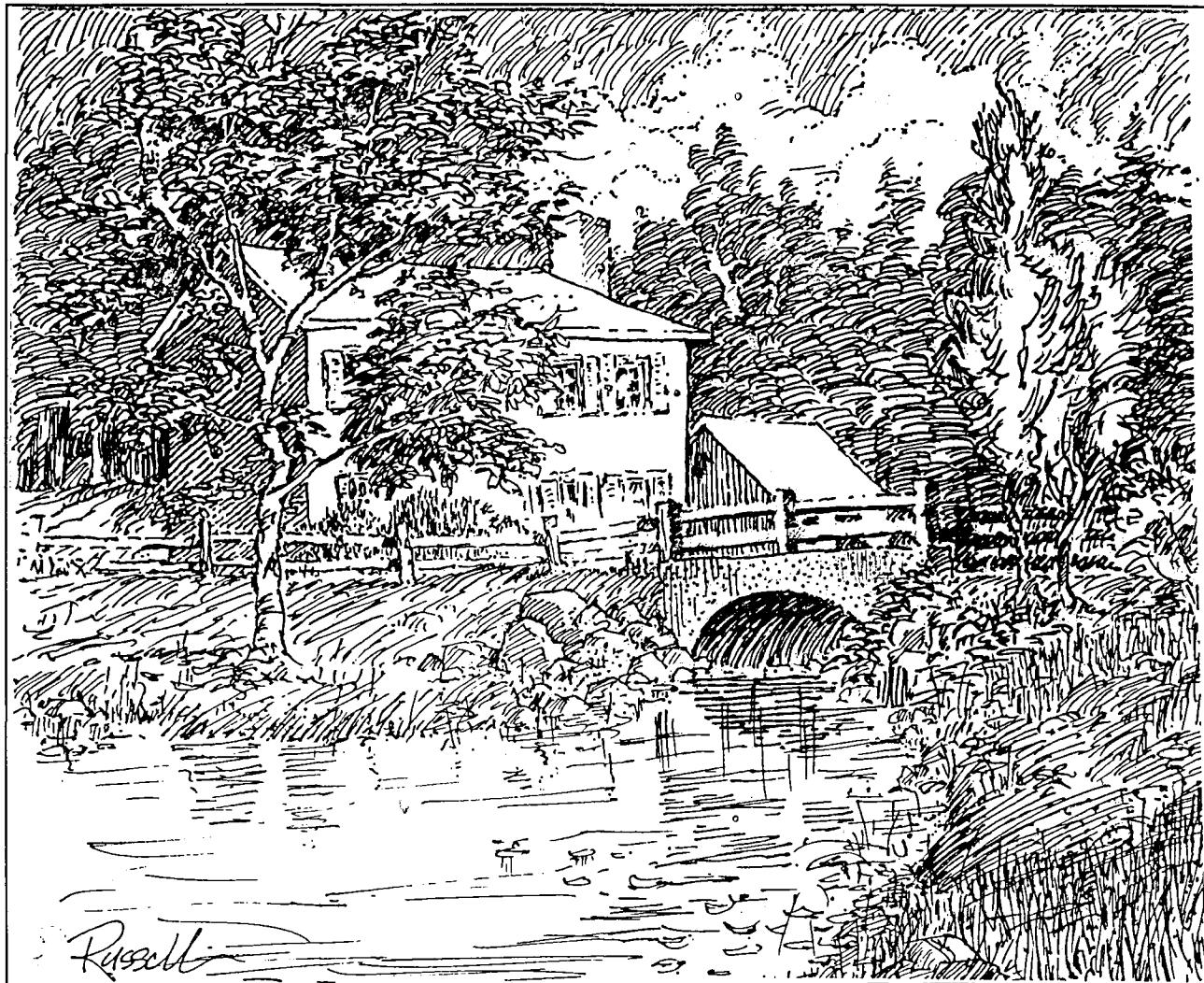
Voters will once again be confused by the language, required by the secretary of State of NH, of some of this year's warrant articles. Articles 7 and 8 use the words "raise and appropriate", but we are not raising these amounts at

all. The articles simply ask the voters to authorize the district to deposit funds we already have, or funds that we will have from the sale of property the district is selling in Temple and Greenfield (former school buildings), into capital reserve funds to be used for the building or renovating of the elementary schools. The best advice is to take your time reading the articles, or, if you have time, read them ahead of time, so that you can best understand what's being asked of you.

ANTRIM'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

At long last it is Antrim's turn in the laundry list of district elementary school that have needed to be rebuilt or renovated. Our own elementary school's renovations are the next to begin. Both school board representatives, Jane Miller (588-2655) and Jane Ellsworth (588-3722) would appreciate hearing from you if you're interested in serving on the Building Committee that would work with teachers and staff to plan the renovations for the school. If you have any ideas on architecture/construction know-how, we need your help!

— Jane Ellsworth, Antrim Representative



The Foot of High Street by Russ Russell



SEARCH AND RESCUE DOGS

If you are out on the road and you see a van that says "Search Dogs in Area", and you think "locker searches at the high school", think again. That van probably belongs to Antrim resident Annabella Morse, a trainer and coordinator of Search Dogs Northeast, Inc. These dogs don't sniff out substances or weapons. They head out into the woods, marshes and mountains to find people who are lost.

Search Dogs Northeast is a search and rescue group made up of tracking dogs and trained rescue volunteers. Volunteers live throughout New England. For eight years Search Dogs Northeast has provided dog and handler rescue teams for searches involving missing persons. The subjects of their searches include hikers, skiers, mentally challenged people, elderly people, children, accident victims, or anyone lost in hard-to-search areas.

Though Search Dogs Northeast does have its share of 'live' finds, they are often called in only when previous searches have failed. Morse says that the group wants to increase awareness of its services to the state organizations that handle missing persons. She would like to see dog teams on the trail earlier in the search. The chances of finding a lost person alive decrease with each day that passes, especially in harsh weather.

Search dogs have many advantages over people. Their sense of smell is extremely perceptive. When tracking a missing individual, these dogs have access to information like: whether a person has been in the area at all; how long a person has been in a particular area; and whether a person is in distress. These distinctions help the dogs locate a lost person in a suburban community or even in an area that has already been covered by searchers. Dogs are able to locate bodies in the water and underground. A number of well-trained teams can also search an area at night when other groups rest.

To be search-ready, dogs and handlers undergo a challenging training. Training can be fun for the dogs, because they are praised and rewarded for their efforts. Dogs can learn air-scenting, which allows them to find any human scent in an area; or trailing or tracking, where a dog follows the scent of a particular person.

Search dogs don't have to be of any particular breed, but they must be physically able to progress through difficult terrain and prove themselves to be non-aggressive. They must not react defensively or threateningly to the behavior of the search subject. For this reason, Search Dogs Northeast does not provide dogs for searches involving criminals.

Human volunteers must become skilled in orienteering, first aid, CPR, tracking, dog handling, completing search documentation and planning search strategy. Specialization

in particular search situations such as underwater, disaster, urban or avalanche requires extra training.

You may see Annabella and some of her black German Shepherds at local schools. They visit and she talks with the children about what to do if they are ever separated from their group or lost in the woods. (If they ever get lost in the woods, the best thing to do is to stay put. That way it is easier for someone to find them. "Hug a tree" is what we tell them," Annabella says. "The kids can understand that.")

The dogs enjoy visits to the schools. "They're happy when they have five or six kids around them, patting them. They love attention," Annabella adds.

Annabella has also started a dog obedience service at her home called Zeeland Dog Training. She offers advice on breed selection, dog obedience training, behavior problem consultation and adoption assistance.

— Colleen Duggan

MAHARISHI VEDIC SCHOOL

It has been over three years since the former Hawthorne College was purchased and I realize most of you can't help but wonder—what is going on up there? So let us set the record straight.

As the Director I came here to the property with my wife Susan in July of 1997. There has been a lot of growth here since. My background? Besides becoming a teacher of the Transcendental Meditation Program® (often just called "TM®") in 1970, I have been a natural foods broker and also a history teacher (my favorite hobby now).

Over fifty people now live and work here. Yes, some are from India sent here by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who came to America almost 40 years ago to found this non-profit educational organization. Since then meditation and alternative medicine have become mainstream and the Transcendental Meditation Program that Maharishi presented has helped millions to achieve better mental, physical and spiritual health. Did you know that IBM, GM and many other companies offer TM freely to their employees? Also, here in New Hampshire, Health Source pays a portion of the TM instruction fee because it has been proven by over 500 studies in major universities and medical institutions that TM significantly improves one's health by reducing stress (the American Heart Association recommends TM over drugs, diet, and other relaxation techniques as the best preventative measure to reduce the risk of hypertension and heart disease). This is not meant to be a TM lecture but I thought some of the basics should be known. We teach the TM program here in Antrim by appointment, however most of this facility is used to administer our many programs world wide.

A magazine is published here for those who already practice TM; we offer the *Maharishi Vedic Approach to Health*® which includes *Maharishi Ayur Ved*® health and diet programs, *Maharishi Vedic Astrology*® consultations and the new *Instant Relief*® program designed to help eliminate

chronic pain and disease. On weekends we sponsor retreats for practitioners of TM who come here for extended meditation, knowledge, and delicious vegetarian food.

What about the buildings and property? At present many of the buildings are in serious disrepair probably to be razed and new buildings erected—"stay tuned".

It would be much appreciated if visitors would respect No Trespassing signs where posted.

So that is what is happening out here. Please call me for more information. We enjoy being part of the community although most of the people here are quietly meditating!

— Robert S. Milota
Director

FOLK TALES THE HAY BARN

The Matheson Place is at the end of Matheson Road which is off Goodell Road. There is a barn in which the Proctor farm stored hay for winter feeding. A large meadow on the place provided most of the hay that was stored in the barn. Fred Proctor would mow the grass and when it was dry he would rake the hay into windrows ready to be pitched into the hay wagon. Dick Wallace and I worked for the Proctor farm that summer and along with Frank, the hired hand, did the haying.

Before the days of the hay bailer, the hay was pitched onto the hay wagon by hand. Frank and I did the pitching on and Dick did the loading. As the loader, Dick was responsible for placing the hay so the wagon would be evenly loaded and not become top heavy. When the load was large enough the horses and the wagon were driven into the barn. This barn on the Matheson Place was built with a platform over the center of the barn and "haymows" on either side at floor level. The barn was only open on one end so, after unloading, the horses had to back the wagon out.

Once the wagon and load was in the barn it was Dick's job to pitch off the load. This particular load was to be placed up on the platform above the center. The haymow on one side was only half full so it was fairly easy for Dick to pitch off the load onto it and Frank then pitched it up to me on the platform. In July on a sunny day a hay barn is always about 100 degrees up on the high platforms and for some reason I seemed to get that place every load.

When the hay was all up on the platform, I jumped off onto the side mow and joined Dick outside to cool off. Frank backed the horses out and just as he cleared the barn the center platform came crashing down, hay and all. Over the years the barn had shifted just enough to loosen the beams that supported the platform and with the added weight of the hay the beams pulled loose. Fortunately the horses were far enough away so that although they got a good scare they were uninjured. The barn was undamaged and the platform was easily restored and received many more loads of hay over the years.

— Fred Roberts

WOMAN'S CLUB

The Antrim Woman's Club meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Antrim Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM. Programs for the next three months are as follows:

March 9	Arts and Crafts Festival
March 14	Sunday at 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall "Women's History Month" (see below)
April 13	"Dock History from Strawberry Banke" with Martha Pinello
May 11	Annual Luncheon

The meetings are open to all women in the community.

JOINT PROGRAM WITH TUTTLE LIBRARY

In honor of Women's History Month, the Antrim Woman's Club and the James A. Tuttle Library, with the help of a grant from the NH Humanities Council, are planning to sponsor a reader's theater presentation on Sunday March 14, 1999 at 2:00 PM at the Antrim Baptist Church. Entitled "*It Had To Be Done—So I Did It*", five actresses will speak the actual words of women from Warner, NH as they answer the question, "Women didn't work back then, did they?"

Described as "very powerful", the dramatic reading is pure reality—nothing has been fictionalized. After the presentation, discussion will follow to help place these personal histories in a wider historical context.

The program is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Watch local papers or contact the Tuttle Library after March 9 for further information.

See you March 14 at 2:00 PM!

BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

This January the Woman's Club was pleased to award a total of \$1,800 to college students from Antrim and Bennington for the purpose of purchasing books and supplies. A record number of applicants requested assistance and none were denied. In all, 18 students benefited from funds generated solely from the sale of calendars and advertising by club members. Community support for this project has always been strong, and is necessary for its success.

The recipients this year were: David DuBrino, Andrew Frosch, Joanna Fraser, Brett French, Tammy Gutgesell, Andrew Haggarty, Brianne Halverson, Kevin Kimball, Joyce Leger, Dana MacGregor, Nathan Manley, Jen McGurt, Daniel Pascucci, Micah Pascucci, Suzzanna Plyer, Siobhan Thomas, James Wasserloos and Richard Wasserloos.

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CHURCH NEWS

Antrim Presbyterian Church 588-2209
Pastor Richard Palmer

Sunday Schedule

Adult Sunday School	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Youth Sunday School	10:30 AM
Bible Class	6:30 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Mar 28	Palm Sunday Service	10:30 AM
April 1	Maundy Thursday Communion	6:30 AM
April 2	Good Friday—Church open from 12 Noon to 3:00 PM for reflection	
April 4	Easter Sunrise Service at the Antrim Baptist Church	6:30 AM
	Easter Sunday Service	10:30 AM
May 1	Annual May Breakfast	7:00–9:30 AM
June 6	Summer Sunday Worship	starts at 10:00 AM

Antrim Baptist Church 588-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher
Cherry Boucher, Assistant Pastor

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School	9:15 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

Wednesday Choir Rehearsals 6:30 PM

Saturdays Food Pantry 10:00 AM–12 Noon

Mar 3, Mar 10, Mar 17, Mar 24 Lenten Luncheons
12 Noon at the Antrim Baptist Church
Beverage and dessert provided. Fellowship and speakers on Passion Week.

Mar 28 Palm Sunday Service 10:30 AM

April 1 Maundy Thursday Communion Service
7:00 PM

April 4 Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM
Easter Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Antrim Church of Christ 588-6178

Evangelist Lawrence Warren

Sundays

Bible Study	9:30–10:30 AM
Worship	10:45–12 Noon
Devotional	6:00–7:00 PM

Bible Study

Tuesday—Teens	7:00–8:30 PM
Wednesday	7:00–8:00 PM

Free Clothing shop open every 2nd and 4th Saturday

St. Patrick Church 588-2180

Rev. Andre L. Bedard, Pastor

Masses

Saturdays	4:15 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Mondays—Wednesdays and Fridays	7:30 AM
Thursday Communion Service	7:30 AM

Holy Days

Mass at 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Vigils at 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Half-hour before each Mass

Religious Education

Grades 1–6 following 8:00 AM Sunday Mass
in Parish Hall

Confirmation Grades 7 and 8

Mondays at 6:30 PM

Prayer Group

Mondays 7:30 PM

Women's Guild meetings

Second Wednesday of each month

Bennington Congregational Church 588-2398

Pastor Daniel Poling

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM



BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS

Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Monadnock Region seeks volunteers to help children become confident, caring adults. Antrim is among 37 towns served. Volunteers range in age from 16 years old up, and information may be had by phoning 800-783-0244.

Big brothers, Big Sisters is the premier mentoring program in the U.S. It can boast that its kids are 46% less likely than their peers to use illegal drugs as well as generally being more trusting of their parents or guardians.



ANTRIM GRANGE

The members of the Antrim Grange have been active this winter with regular meetings, and state and regional events. The Grange co-hosted the annual Twelfth Night Party with Old Pound Road School at the Grange Hall on January 9. The group enjoyed various acts that the students performed. Antrim Grange and the Antrim Woman's club worked together to sponsor a talk, open to the public, by the International 4-H Youth Exchange Representative, Kristen Buteau who has recently returned to New Hampshire after spending six months in the Netherlands.

A few emergency roof repairs have been made in hopes that it can hold out until additional funds are raised for a new roof for the Grange Hall.

Five members of the Antrim Grange will be going to Kansas City in March to the National Grange Youth Director's Conference. Arthur and Beth Merrill are coaches of the drill team that has been invited to perform at the conference. Carlyn Davis, Meagan Slater, and Kristy Farnum are members of the team.



TUTTLE LIBRARY NEWS

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME: On alternate Friday mornings at 9:30 AM, Mary Payne reads to toddlers and preschoolers. The schedule for the next three months is: March 5 and 19; April 2, 16 and 30; May 14 and 28.

PROGRAMS: March: Women's History Month Contest and April: Poetry Contest for Kids

FREE TAX HELP AND INCOME TAX FORMS: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance provides free tax help in the community. Volunteers help people with basic tax returns, particularly the elderly and the handicapped. A volunteer will provide this assistance at the Tuttle Library on March 18 and 25, and April 4 and 11 from 6:00–8:00 PM. There is no charge for this service.

The library also has some of the basic tax forms available, as well as many other reproducible tax forms. With Internet access, the IRS web site is another available source of information at the library.

HOLIDAYS: The Library will be closed for Memorial Day, May 31.

BOOK DISPLAYS: MARCH: True Crime, APRIL: Poetry, MAY: Gardening and Travel

Many thanks to library patrons who contributed to our Adopt-A-Book program this year. We have been able to replace many of the Classics that were well worn and well read.

NEW FICTION: Chris Bohjalian *THE LAW OF SIMILARS*; William Bernhardt *DARK JUSTICE*; Sandra Brown *SEND NO FLOWERS*; Catherine Cookson *THE DESERT CROP*; Kathleen Gear *PEOPLE OF THE MASKS*; John Grisham *THE TESTAMENT*; Joseph Kanon *THE PRODIGAL SPY*; Jonathan Kellerman *BILLY STRAIGHT*; Barbara Michaels *OTHER WORLDS*; John Mortimer *THE SOUND OF TRUMPETS*; Larry McMurtry *DUANE'S DEPRESSED*; Hugh Miller *BALLYKISSANGEL—THE NEW ARRIVAL*; Nora Roberts *INNER HARBOR*, *THE MacGREGORS: ALAN-GRANT*, and *THE MacGREGORS: SERENA-CAINE*; Kate Wilhelm *DEFENSE FOR THE DEVIL*.

NEW MYSTERIES: Lydia Adamson *A CAT OF ONE'S OWN*; Catherine Aird *STIFF NEWS*; Stephanie Barron *JANE AND THE GENIUS OF THE PLACE*; Lilian J. Braun *CAT WHO SAW STARS*; Fiona Buckley *THE DOUBLET AFFAIR*; Michael Connelly *ANGELS FLIGHT*; Patricia Cornwell *SOUTHERN CROSS*; Kinky Friedman *BLAST FROM THE PAST*; J. A. Jance *BREACH OF DUTY*; Laurie King *A DARKER PLACE*; Ed McBain *THE BIG BAD CITY*; Edward Marston *THE STALIONS OF WOODSTOCK*; Katherine H. Page *BODY IN THE BOOKCASE*.

NEW SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY: Marion Zimmer Bradley *TRAITOR'S SUN*; Brian Jacques *MARLFOX*; Anne McCaffrey *NIMISHA'S SHIP*; J. K. Rowling *HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE*.

NEW NON-FICTION: A. Scott Berg *LINDBERGH*; Bill Bryson *THE LOST CONTINENT*, and *NEITHER HERE NOR*

THERE; Margaret Bullitt-Jonas *HOLY HUNGER*; Loren Cruden *WALKING THE MAZE—THE ENDURING PRESENCE OF THE CELTIC SPIRIT*; Peter D'Adamo *COOK RIGHT FOR YOUR TYPE*; Simon Winchester *THE PROFESSOR AND THE MADMAN*.

NEW VIDEOS: The Full Monty; Gone With The Wind; Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre; L. A. Confidential; Merlin (Hallmark); Moonstruck; Mouse Hunt; A Thousand Acres.

NEW VIDEOS FOR KIDS: The Black Cauldron; Journey Home—The Animals of Farthing Wood; Land Before Time VI—Secret of Saurus Rock; The Lion King II—Simba's Pride; Madeline; The Swan Princess III—Mystery of the Enchanted Treasure.

NEW MUSIC CD'S: Andre Rieu in Concert; City of Angels (Soundtrack); Celine Dion These Are Special Times; Grease (Soundtrack from the movie); The Full Monty (Soundtrack); Titanic (Soundtrack).

CONVAL FIELD TRIPS

During the months of April and May, some Antrim teenagers may be missing. There are two Conval field trips in that time period in which Antrim teens are taking part.

From April 15 to 23, approximately thirty Conval students will be going to Paris, France. Six of them are from Antrim. They will visit the Eiffel tower, the town of Giverny and other tourist attractions. Students will get an opportunity to go shopping at Parisian shops, visit cafes and a typical French High School, and go to discotheques with French-speaking chaperones and tour guides.

Some of the six Antrim students will join other Antrim teens who are going with the Conval band, chorus and drama groups to New York from May 21 through the 23. In New York they will go in groups to see one of three Broadway shows; *Rent*, *Phantom of the Opera*, or *Les Misérables*. They will also go to Lincoln Center to a Meet-the-Artist session where they will meet and interact with people who have careers in the performing arts. There will also be a tour of Ellis Island. The money for both of these trips was earned by fund-raising throughout the year.

If you would like to purchase a 2-CD collection of the 1998 Conval chorus and band concerts for \$19.98, please call Conval high school at 924-3869 and ask for Band Director Brandon Clark

— Jennie McInnis

Jennie McInnis is a senior at Conval. Editor

MONADNOCK BUSINESS VENTURES

MBV has recently received a grant from the Monadnock Community Foundation to assist in planning and economic development projects in Antrim and Hillsboro. The Monadnock Community Foundation is a separately endowed regional division of the New Hampshire Charitable Trust. Earnings from its endowment are used to make grants and loans to nonprofit organizations serving the region and for scholarships. MBV's offices is in Peterborough and the Executive Director is John Vance.



SCHOOL NEWS

ONE HUNDRED STRONG AND GROWING. Have you ever had to deal with too much success? That's the problem Great Brook School faced this year with its Student of the Month program. When the program began six years ago, it was easy to take the 20 or so students on monthly outings. With an average of 100 students qualifying each month, some creative planning has been necessary.

Each month qualifying students receive a coupon for sweet treats from the GBS Cafeteria. They are first in the lunch line, may eat outside at the picnic tables, and are allowed to board their buses first each afternoon. Their Student of the Month pass entitles them to extra hall privileges.

Recognition Breakfasts are hosted by the GBS Parent Advisory Council every other month with field trips planned on the alternate months. Parents have provided transportation to bowling, the Mall of New Hampshire, and ice skating at New England College.

One criterion for becoming a Student of the Month is to complete four hours of community service each month. If you or your organization has an idea of how GBS students can help, please contact the school (588-6630).

MULTI-MEDIA COVERAGE. How often does THE BOSTON GLOBE or WMUR-TV come to Antrim? They've both been to GBS this year to interview outstanding students. THE GLOBE Sunday Edition recently ran an article on the amount of community service performed by GBS students. The reporter was impressed with the amount and variety of work students have done. Students shared how their experiences have changed the way they think about their communities.

WMUR-TV spotlighted Abby Compton, Kate Chabot, Lauryl Grimes, Nick Jenkins and Marcus Newbury. These eighth graders have been Student of the Month each month since fifth grade.

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. Great Brook School is fortunate to have great students, great parents, and great community support. This combination enables GBS to offer a wide variety of programs which integrate the school and community. To celebrate these outstanding efforts ELP coordinator Dona Fairbairn, assistant principal Pam Snitko, and a team of Great Brook teachers submitted a portfolio and application to nominate GBS as the New Hampshire Middle School of the Year. All New Hampshire public schools are eligible to apply for this "Excellence in Education" award. Winners will be announced in the spring.

COMPETITION. As GBS winds down its basketball season, other areas of competition are just warming up. Ten semi-finalists have been selected to compete in the March school-wide spelling bee. The winner of that competition will compete in the Manchester Union Leader sponsored spelling bee—hopefully qualifying for the competition in Washington, DC this summer.

GBS students will send a team to the Mock Trial competition in Nashua on March 20th. With the help of a local lawyer and teacher advisor, students will demonstrate their understanding of the US legal system.

Two Odyssey of the Mind teams will also head off to competition in March. Each will perform a student written and produced skit to demonstrate problem solving abilities. OMers have also been practicing their fast thinking skills for the spontaneous answer section of the competition.

Molly Anderson placed first in the GBS geography bee. She has taken the written exam which, hopefully, will qualify her to compete in the National Geographic Society's state competition to be held at Keene State College in April. A victory there would land her in Washington, DC this May for the national competition.

Congratulations one and all!

JUJITSU. Some students may not be aware that Jujitsu lessons are available right here in Antrim Mondays at Great Brook School. Instructor Jim Aborn is offering the first month free to Antrim Elementary and Great Brook students. Thereafter, the cost is \$17.00 per month. Students up to age 10 meet at 4:00. Students (and adults) 11 and over meet at 5:15. No need for advance sign ups. If you are interested, drop by any Monday night.

COSEED UPDATE. COSEED stands for Community-Based Environmental Education. The COSEED team at Great Brook School has been busy. Susie Denehy and Beth Frost from the Harris Center for Environmental Education have been working with GBS teachers to enrich their Community Based Education projects. Both have worked with Letitia Rice, Anne Staley, and Barbara Black's classes to identify species at Memorial Park and develop landscaping plans. Students have developed maps to illustrate their suggested changes. The proposal should be ready to present to community groups within the next month. Hopefully initial planting can begin this spring.

Susie has also organized snowshoeing expeditions for Anne Kenney and Barbara Black's classes to explore the tracks and signs of animals who habitat the woods around GBS.

Beth Frost is working with Mrs. Pietrovito/Donoghue, Mrs. Shea/Kulbacki, and Mrs. Winslow/Matthews' classes to explore recycling opportunities within the school and community. The students have been researching the recycling that is now taking place and exploring ways to increase and improve recycling.

COSEED sponsored the in-service workshop for Great Brook teachers in January. David Sobel from Antioch Graduate School, Susie, and Beth offered a variety of workshops which used the school grounds and McCabe Forest as outdoor classrooms. They also arranged for Meredith Wade of Synergy Learning to present a workshop on "Science by Design", a hands-on method of teaching the scientific process.

— Barbara Black

SELECTMEN'S REPORT continued

and that is for the 3-year Selectman term. Raymond Whipple and I have both filed for that position. Mary Hammond and Michele Rabideau will be returning for 3-year terms as Town Clerk/Tax Collector and Town Treasurer. Robert Edwards will also return for a 3-year term as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. James Lamothe has filed once again for the 1-year Director of Health and Welfare position. A face from the past, William McCulloch, is hoping to fill Ben Pratt's shoes as a Water and Sewer Commissioner for a 3-year term. Ruth Zwirner will be running for another 3 years as Library Trustee. The planning board will have two open 3-year positions for this election and G. Spencer Garrett and Thomas Mangieri have filed for the posts as we say good-bye to Michael Oldershaw and Ken Akins. Hillary Jollimore has filed for the 1-year Planning Board position to complete the term of Marian Noble who regretfully, has been working out of the area and is unable to attend meetings.

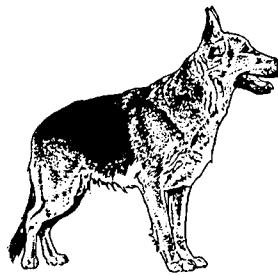
The School Board race between Jane Ellsworth, Jane Miller, and Raymond Whipple should be interesting with one 3-year term and one 2-year term at stake. Peter Hopkins is once again running for School Board Moderator for one year. Isabel Nichols is running for one of the two 3-year positions on the Budget Committee.

I cannot stress enough the importance of your vote! Voting is a privilege that is often taken for granted. You have the opportunity to voice your opinion and vote according to your conscience. And although you may feel that your one vote means nothing, just think what would happen if another 20 or 30 or 40 people felt the same way and did not vote feeling that they will not be heard. EVERY vote makes a difference—now this does not mean that your vote will be the one to clinch the election or school budget—but wouldn't you feel bad if your favorite candidate lost or something that you truly believe in was voted down by only 1 vote? That's all it takes!

TOWN MEETING

The Town Meeting will be held at the Great Brook School Gym on Thursday, March 11. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. This is another area in which you are urged to participate. Many issues have passed or been lost in the past because voters felt that it was a hopeless cause and stayed home. Town Meetings in the past were a place for neighbors to see neighbors that they had not seen for quite some time. Perhaps, if you attend this year's Town Meeting you may find yourself speaking to an old friend that you have lost track of or make new friends with people just moved into the area. Town Meeting is a forum to voice your opinions on how we propose to run the Town of Antrim for the next year. Please exercise your right and join us—it may be more fun than you think!

— Carol Cote-Smith for the Selectmen



BUMPS AND LUMPS

**Tom Dowling, VMD
Great Brook Veterinary Clinic**

When pet owners bring their furry companions in for a visit to their favorite veterinarian, many of them have concerns about skin growths or other abnormal "bumps" that they have found. "What's this lump, Doc?", is a question we are frequently asked in the veterinary profession.

Some bumps your vet may be able to figure out easily, but most can be quite difficult to distinguish based solely on their outward appearance. Many growths or other tissue abnormalities require at least some degree of diagnostic testing, or laboratory analysis.

Sometimes a fine needle aspirate is made, where a very fine needle is inserted into the lump and material is withdrawn, or sucked out of the tissue and examined under a microscope. Examining these preparations usually requires the expertise of a board Certified Veterinary Pathologist. Fine needle aspirates are done quite routinely in many practices, however they have their limitations since very often the needle misses the mark and the test may not tell us what we want to know.

Excisional biopsies require the surgical removal of the lump, usually while the pet is under general anesthesia. This time the tissue is sent to the pathologist lab for analysis. Excisional biopsies are the most reliable tool for evaluation because they provide the actual tissue in question rather than a few possibly useless cells obtained through the fine needle aspirate test.

Providing the best information to make the best choices for our pets is what good health care is all about. Our pets shouldn't have anything less!



THE MAPLEHURST INN

St. Patrick's Day, March 17, will feature Chef Garrett's own corned beef and a great Paddy's Day Buffet. The day is important for us since it marks the 7th anniversary of our grand opening of the Inn.

On Easter Sunday, April 4th, there will be a special buffet with a visit from the Great Easter Bunny.

April 16 and 17 will see another Murder Mystery from the Antrim Players. The last time the Players did this for us, we had to turn many away—thus the two nights for this coming show.

Timmy Earl will be in the Tavern on Wednesday nights with his guitar. Come play and sing with him.

Thanks for all your patronage from the Crowell Family and everyone at the Maplehurst.

LANDSCAPING MEMORIAL PARK

MY AUNT WILL MATCH IT

Have those spring flower catalogs started arriving at your house yet? Have you made your list? Are you willing to order twice? Letitia Rice, Anne Staley, and my classes are working on a landscaping project at Memorial Park. One item we would like to plant is different kinds of dwarf day lilies which will bloom throughout the summer. Would you be willing to order an extra 4 or 5 bulbs for our project when you order yours? My aunt, Lois Harriman, has offered to match contributions.

We want to thank Bill Lang and Peter Moore for their donation of a wheel barrow and tools to help with the planting. If you have any garden tools you are no longer using, we would appreciate donations for our project.

Please call Barbara Black, at 588-6630 or 588-6710 if you have any questions or donations. Thanks!



AIKEN HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

Implementation of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) is proceeding on the Aiken House as originally planned. The following people have been appointed to an advisory committee by the selectmen: Kristen Olson Vance from The Grapevine, Martha Pinello from the Historical Society, Ruth Zwirner from the Tuttle Library, and David Penny from the Aiken Barn Trust. The selectmen are currently drawing up bid requests for a grant administrator and it is hoped that the selection of an architect and the creation of bid specifications will follow soon after. Construction should be completed by the end of summer.

Meanwhile, The Grapevine Family Resource Center has settled comfortably into its temporary quarters in the Aiken Barn, thus freeing the Aiken House itself for renovations. Directors of the Aiken Barn Trust along with numerous volunteers from The Grapevine worked throughout the Fall to winterize the Barn and make it child-safe. This part of the project was completed with the help of generous gifts gratefully received in memory of Judith Pratt. Judy was an avid supporter of the project and she will be sorely missed.

The Trust directors spent quite a bit of energy studying the possibility of combining both the development of the Aiken Barn and the Aiken House under the CDBG project. Unfortunately, though it seemed like a good idea, the cost of bringing two buildings up to proper safety and accessibility standards prohibited it. The Aiken Barn property was purchased to help solve parking concerns surrounding the Aiken Project and a future expansion of the Tuttle Library. The property continues to be available for use by the Town. The Library Trustees are reviewing their preliminary plans for ways that they might incorporate the Aiken Barn property into their design. Any ideas and suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Call Dave Penny, Ben Pratt or any of the Library Trustees.

— David Penny

Antrim Historical Society

When the Firemen have their parade in the summer the streets are lined with enthusiastic viewers who follow the bright and noisy engines to the firehouse and enjoy the muster with teams from nearby towns. But when the hoopla of the day is over the men and women of the fire companies and rescue squads are constantly on call to respond to the needs of the community, and have been since 1850 when the first organized fire-fighters came under the town's government.

Former Antrim Fire Chief Henry Cutter and Curator Giffin Russell have prepared an exhibit in the Historical Room at the Tuttle Library that displays the work of the firemen from the days of the wooden bucket brigade to the shiny awards won in recent musters. Pictures and news stories of devastating fires in the town include the fire that destroyed Greystone Lodge, the North Branch fire of 1888 and several others. Be sure to visit this exhibit and remember the dedication of the fire department over the years.

On Sunday April 25 at 2:00 PM a panel discussion in connection with the exhibit will be held in the Historical Room. This is an open meeting, and refreshments will be served.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

All Antrim high school graduates and college students are encouraged to apply for financial aid (from the Jameson, Thompson, and Tibbetts scholarship funds) available from the Antrim Scholarship Committee.

Applications may be picked up from the Town Offices on Main Street, or the Guidance Department office at Conval High School. Deadline for filing applications is *no later than May 3, 1999*. Soon-to-be high school graduates are especially urged to apply, as the bulk of the scholarship dollars are slated for entering freshmen. Contact Jane Ellsworth, committee chair, at 588-3722 if you have any questions.

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OLD POUND ROAD SCHOOL

This past September, Noreen Kilbride opened her home for the start of a new school. Together with Marian Chambers, Kilbride is currently teaching twelve students, ranging in age from five to eleven, at the Old Pound Road School. The new school was started as a continuation of Jane Miller's Price Farm School on Gregg Lake Road. Both Kilbride and Chambers interned with Miller at one point. (Miller is now a teacher at Antioch/New England Graduate School in Keene.)

Children arrive in the morning and after they have removed their boots, divided into two group—"the littles and middles", kindergarten through third graders; and the "bigs", fourth through sixth graders. Each group participates in "news time". This is when the kids share things that have been happening around them and affecting them personally. They are eager to share the previous day's happenings. One student shares a story about her cat.

News time is followed by an activity that brings both groups together. They gather in the "sun room" upstairs where the older group shows the homework that was assigned earlier in the week to the younger group. The smaller children huddle around the person sharing, eager to see the work that they will be doing when they get older. Then the entire group sings a song and recites a poem that they have been working on all week.

So far, the day has seemed to go according to any other school's schedule. But next up is **choice time**, where all of the children choose among the projects offered that day what they will do. The five and eight year olds get together with some of the eleven year olds and come to a decision. Then each student reports to Kilbride and Chambers.

For the next two hours or so, some of the kids play with blocks, others gather in the "fire room" to create Valentines for their families. Two of the older boys play Pente in the sun room.

There are eight families in the school together. Zac Baker-Salmon is hesitant to disclose his little brother Sam's birthday, until he discovers that his brother has been cheerfully announcing it to everyone all day. Sam is nine and joins the game in the sun room. After Zac wins two games in a row against his opponent Galen, the two boys start a small wrestling match typical of sixth grade boys. They tumble around on the carpet and Zac looks up and says, "We call this school". Out of breath, yet still quite lively Zac and Galen start to read Sam's and his friend Ben's storybook. The storybooks are on-going fictional stories written by students during the afternoons. Sam and Ben have been collaborating on a story that includes aliens and poker games. Ben reads some his story aloud, admitting now and then, "I made that word up."

Later in the morning the children return to their age groups and write about what they did in choice time. The littles and middles start their journal entries with the date and the room is filled with little voices sounding out 'Valentine'. Benjamin, a kindergartner, shows me his journal entries for the week. They include felting and more Valen-

tine creating. The older group has to write at least six sentences, and show them to Noreen, who points out spelling, grammar and punctuation errors, which the kids fix themselves. Then it is time to read, or be read to, from books that the children have borrowed from the town library, followed by a special snack in honor of Sam's birthday. The children sing "Simple Gifts" before indulging in the gooey treats.

Kilbride and Chambers have organized the school so that the children have the opportunity to decide for themselves what they are interested in and then to explore that for themselves. The older children pick a homework topic for the year, and study it exclusively. Anna has chosen to study Israel. She shows me her diorama, with a background cutout of photographs. "My brother took a Bar Mitzvah trip to Israel," she explains. "And I'm going this summer." Along with choices the children make, they also have requirements, like math exercises and writing for the Old Pound Road School newspaper. The afternoon is dedicated to folder work and reading.

The school goes on field trips and has special events like skating parties, where parents are invited, and overnights.

When asked about moving on to public school the following year, the sixth graders are filled with apprehension. Are they excited to go? "Yes!" It is considered to be just another learning experience.

The atmosphere and the learning environment of the Old Pound Road School is unique. "It's hard to compare the school [to other schools] because they are so different." Chambers said. The children are learning and at the same time teaching themselves about the world around them.

— Mary Chauncy

(Mary Chauncy is a senior at Conval. Editor)

ANTRIM CARES

The next Adopt-A-Mile pickup will take place as soon as the snow melts. Since we will be working along a state highway, participants must be 18 and older. However, we are hoping to organize a student cleanup of town property at the same time. Please look for notices in the local papers.

At the last meeting members discussed the problem of litter both along roads and on town property, especially at Memorial Park. The group decided to investigate the possibility of purchasing permanent trash receptacles for the park and to arrange for regular trash pickup.

The committee also discussed possible long term projects some of which could tie in with the Millennium celebration. Expanding recycling efforts, landscaping open areas downtown, improving the safety around the waterfall area, and sponsoring a community planting day were among the ideas discussed.

Antrim CARES meets on the second Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on March 10th at 7:00 PM in the Little Town Hall. New members are always welcome.

THE GRAPEVINE

Thank you to all who contributed to the Grapevine's membership campaign. The Grapevine exists because of community support. And this is what The Grapevine means to some of the families who come here.

"The Grapevine is a wonderful service for me. I have a 3 year old daughter. We started coming when she was two. We have made friends, community connections and have been able to contribute ourselves to others through this organization. As a full time mother, I really value my time here."

"The Grapevine is a great place for children to interact with other children. It's also great for parents to discuss issues with other parents. The resources made available to us are very helpful. The volunteers and workers are wonderful and caring with the children."

"I've been coming since The Grapevine was established. The progress and enthusiasm of the volunteers and leaders is inspiring. My child has learned a tremendous amount of new skills and communication with other children."

"My children and I have benefited greatly from the services provided by The Grapevine. It has become a place for sharing ideas, solving problems, learning and growing. We look forward to each day we are able to attend."

"The Grapevine has given me a chance to meet with other young mothers. I get the support I need from the other mothers there. My son also loves to play with the other kids. He has learned social skills he would not have if The Grapevine playgroup wasn't available."

"I really enjoy the time-out with other parents. The Grapevine offers me quiet time with knowledgeable adults and offers my son a learning environment with other age-appropriate children. We look forward to "Baby Time" each week!"

"Coming to playgroup is one of the highlights of the week for the boys. So many aspects of growth and development occur at playgroup. The boys are learning how to play with other children and the Mom's groups provides a great outlet, support and information."

"The Grapevine is a great place to bring my child. They interact with each other and learn from each other. Mary, Kristin and the rest of the staff are great with the kids,. The (staff) always tells us how the kids were playing and how they were behaving. The mothers go into a different room and just talk and express themselves and it's very relaxing. If one of the children is crying or sad, one of the staff members will come and get us. Then the mother would try to go back into the room with the other moms and the child would stay and play with the kids."

ON-GOING PROGRAMS

- Parent-Child Playgroup every Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30 AM and Wednesdays at 12:30 PM
- Kid's Club every Wednesday at 2:30 PM

MARCH

- Cabin Fever Day 2 on Saturday March 13 from 1:00-4:00 PM. More creativity, food and fun with friends to blow away those late winter blahs. For kids ages 8 and under and their parents.

APRIL

- Afro-Caribbean Drum Classes with Harry Lowenthal. An 8-week course for advanced beginners, ages 13 and up. Families welcome. Bring your own drum. Some drums are available. Begins Tuesday April 6 from 6-7:30 PM. The 8-week session is \$96 or single sessions for \$12. Financial aid is available. Call Harry at 478-5797 for more information and call The Grapevine to register.

- Introduction to Breast-feeding with Irene Jenks, certified lactation consultant. Wednesday April 14 from 10:00-11:30 AM

- Ready, Get Set, Read on Thursday April 29 at 10:00 AM
- ### MAY

- The Gift of Self Esteem with the Parent Information Center: How You Can Build Your Child's Self Esteem. Thursday May 6 from 10:00-11:00 AM.

- Getting Your Child to Cooperate on Thursday May 13 at 10:00 AM

COMING IN APRIL or MAY

- Red Cross Baby-sitting Course for 11 to 14 year olds

- Curiosity Club: Environmental education and natural science for 3-5 year olds with Susan Ellingwood

All Grapevine programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Financial aid is available for programs with a fee. Call The Grapevine at 588-2620 for more information or to register for programs. Look for our program calendars for a complete listing or drop by the renovated Aiken Barn behind the library, Monday through Thursday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

— Kristen Olson Vance, Director

3-TOWN-TOGETHER AFTER-SCHOOL PROJECT

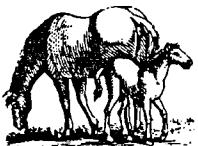
I enjoyed a visit with the Greenfield PTO and presented just a portion of the resources available for Out-Of-School Time Programs. Several people in Greenfield and Bennington have contacted me for more information about the increase in out-of-school time options for area youth. I have had the opportunity to take part in several collaborative efforts in Antrim and am very encouraged by the growing partnerships with Antrim Elementary school, the AES PTO, Friends of Recreations, The Rec Department and Cherryl Boucher at Antrim Baptist Church's Pioneer Club.

I am looking forward to the potluck supper at Great Brook School on April 9 where many community groups will join together to look at summer programming in Antrim.

I have had some hi-energy discussions with two visionaries from the middle school, Erin Longgood and Erin Lawless, about bringing back teen programming to the Rec Center. I look forward to following-up with this group.

— Kristin Readel, Project Coordinator

NOTE: The Three-Town project is made possible by a generous grant from the Monadnock Community Foundation.



HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

Over the last two or three years, club members have been involved in helping other Hillsborough County 4-H members with various fund-raisers in an effort to raise enough money to build a new livestock barn at the 4-H Youth Center in New Boston. One of the main projects in this endeavor has been recycling—clothes, aluminum cans, and steel. The club is now asking the community to help with a new twist to the recycling project. We want your old license plates! By the end of the year, all registered vehicles will have a new set of plates, so who needs the old ones? We do! Old plates can be dropped off in the designated bin at the Antrim Recycling and Transfer station or at the riding ring on West Street. The members are grateful to receive all donations to this project.

Club members will be participating in County Activities Day in Milford on March 20, hoping to earn a chance to advance to the State Activities Day in June. Recently, Caitlin Campbell represented our club and county at the State 4-H Horse Quiz Bowl. Her team placed fifth in the Junior Division and she was the sixth highest scoring junior competitor.

The date for the sixth annual Horse Show has been set for Sunday, August 8.



AMERICAN LEGION

On November 30, 1998 Steve Roy, the Commander of the Antrim American Legion Post #50, gave a flag education presentation to 3rd and 4th graders at the Bennington Pierce School. This venture was made possible through a joint effort between the American Legion Post #59 and the Auxiliary in Hillsboro and Post #50 in Antrim.

Steve started the presentation by showing a video called "A Children's Guide to the Pledge of Allegiance". The children were also given patriotic pencils, work sheets to complete, and comic books relating to the subject. And after learning how to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and what it means, each child was given a certificate.

The Hillsboro American Legion Post #59 has donated a copy of the "A Children's Guide to the Pledge of Allegiance" video to the Pierce School in Bennington; the Great Brook School; The Tuttle Library in Antrim; and also to the schools and town libraries in Hillsboro, Henniker, and Washington. This means that all the surrounding communities, teachers, home schoolers, 4-H and Scout leaders, and families will have access to this delightful children's flag education video.

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for their support: Pherus Press, MCT Telecom, Dumont's Barber Shop, EBS Industrial Products, Osram, Hillsboro Lions Club, Monadnock Paper Mills, Premicr Printings, and the Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce. And a big thank you to the Antrim American Legion Post #50 and the Hillsboro VFW Post #744 for their help and support.

LIONS' CLUB NEWS

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club has participated in and successfully completed three projects since the last newsletter. We were able to sell all 100 Christmas Trees during the month of December at the Tenney Farm stand. The monies raised from the Tree sales helps fund the Operation Santa project in town. The Operation Santa project was also deemed a success as it helped bring Christmas to 82 children in our community this year. Many, many thanks are extended to all those who worked on these projects and made them successful. We would especially like to thank Eric and Linda Tenney for their assistance with the Christmas tree sales and David Boule for his help with the Christmas trees. A special thank you to Linda Bryer and Peter and Schatze Moore for their efforts and many hours spent to ensure the Operation Santa project ran smoothly. Thank you to all those who took tags from Granite Bank and Wayno's Store as well as the cash donations. Once again, our community has demonstrated how much we care.

In January, the Lions Club with the NH Lions Health Van worked with the Antrim Elementary School to provide Sight and Hearing Screenings to 191 students at the school. We would like to thank Dee Palmer and Kathy Wasserloos for all their effort in organizing this project. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the actual screenings.

We have also collected 872 old eyeglasses from the community which are being sent to be cleaned and categorized to be distributed in third world countries to help bring eyesight to those who cannot afford proper eye care.

Lions Club International is the largest service organization in the world. Our primary focus is on health related issues such as eyesight, hearing, diabetes and drug prevention/awareness. It is only through the community's support that we are able to assist people. If you are interested in membership or have any questions about the Lions Club, call Bob Edwards at 588-6861.



THE MILITARY

Since we first started gathering information for the Antrim Limrik, our military news contact has been Ted Brown. Ted is a member of the 744th Transport Company of the NH National Guard in Hillsboro. As a member of the military from 1969-1971 he spent one year in Korea and then joined the Guard in 1980 as a Dining Facility Manager. In 1984 he went full time as a Guard Recruiter. He is taking an early retirement after 16 ½ years and will be processed out by the end of April. When asked what he was going to do in his retirement Ted said, "There are several options."

One of his last recruitments was Rafe Moody of Antrim. Rafe enlisted in the Mountain Infantry Company and is now in Basic Training in Georgia. He is due home by the end of April.

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SCOTT BURNSIDE does excavation and site work? He can handle both residential and commercial work and has 18 years of experience. He is sole owner of the business and is a NH licensed Septic Systems Installer. For more information or a free estimate, call *Scott* at 588-6532 or FAX him at 588-4019. His address is 379 Clinton Road in Antrim.

Donald Maugham has a hobby of cutting and polishing gem stones? He also does his own silversmithing. For the past 30 years he has engaged in a hobby that has brought him satisfaction and has made it possible for others to enjoy beautiful jewelry. Self taught, Don cuts semi-precious stones like jasper, agate, tigereye, turquoise, quartz and many others. Stones and jewelry at DON'S DESIGNS can be seen by appointment by calling 588-8023.

Now, as in the last few issues, let's review some of the past businesses—Spring is around the corner and there are going to be repairs that need to be done both inside and outside your home!

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— Gloria Schacht

BROWNIE NEWS

In January, this year's two Brownie troops held their investiture ceremony formally welcoming all new Brownies into the troops. The second and third year Brownies renewed their Girl Scout Law and Pledge in a rededication ceremony at the same time. The girls were very busy with Christmas caroling downtown and holiday tree decorating for the town tree. After the Holidays, we began working on try-its. Plans are in the works to have a sleep-over (a favorite of the older girls), as well as field trips. Our cookie sales have gone extremely well, earning money to enable us to do activities outside our meeting place.

A special project is in the works with our Friday troop. Both of our co-leaders are expecting new arrivals this Spring and the girls wanted to do something special for them. We gave them the month of February "off" so we could make special quilts. The girls plan to present their gifts at a special "Baby Shower" in March.

Our Monday troop has been busy earning a Try-It-On badge. A whole meeting was spent where each girl was given a "handicap". They had to adapt and overcome to the best of their ability. They had a better understanding and appreciation for other that may not be as fortunate as they are.

Upcoming Spring events include the Memorial Day Parade and the Annual Camping trip. Thank you again to all the parents who help out whenever and however we've needed them.



SALVATION ARMY AT WAYNO'S

On behalf of the Salvation Army, we want to thank Wayno for allowing us to locate our Kettle at his establishment during the Christmas season. Thanks to the generosity of our community, our "ringers" raised \$870. Ten percent of this was returned to our headquarters in Maine to help communities in Northern New England. The remaining monies were used to help people in acute situations. In the past we have also contributed to Operation Santa Claus and helped supply people with food, fuel, clothing, medicines, hearing aids, etc.

May God bless Wayno, all the generous contributors, our ringers, and especially those in need.

— Rev. Rick Palmer

THE REC CENTER

The past few months have been equally successful for the Antrim Friends of Recreation, the Rec Center and the Recreation Commission. There was great turnout for sports programs and the after-school program (1st and 2nd graders on Tuesdays and for 3rd and 4th graders on Thursdays) is well attended.

Volleyball for adults is great exercise and lots of fun! Join us on Thursday nights at 7 PM in the town gym. Line dancing has been put on hold during the bad weather but will be back in full force come Spring. Look for more dances, movie nights, the basketball tournament, tennis, adult classes and other activities. If you would like to be more involved or if you have suggestions, please call 588-3121.

POT LUCK SUPPER

The Antrim Friends of Recreation invites all groups and individuals to a Family Pot Luck Supper on Friday April 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Great Brook School. We want to generate ideas for planning and creating a community calendar for summer recreational events. This Supper is co-sponsored by the Antrim NEXT Group and The Grapevine. Child care will be provided. If you have any questions please call Janet McEwen at 588-6151 for more information.



FRAMEWORKS UPDATE

Plans by Frameworks Inc. to use the cutlery buildings at the south end of Antrim's Main Street are going ahead. Paul Belliveau, president of Frameworks which for some years has had an operation in Hillsboro assembling and packaging products made by OSRAM Sylvania, says that last fall he encountered problems that are now under control. He expects to break ground for a 40,000 square foot expansion this Spring. The Antrim operation is scheduled to employ some 20 people for starters.

ARTS AND BUSINESS COUNCIL

On February 3 the council submitted its application for the PlanNH community planning program. The application, produced by members David Essex, Peter Beblowski, and Brian Hennessy, with help from Martha Pinello, focuses on opportunities for improving Antrim's Main Street and portions of the former Goodell mill site, now being developed by Frameworks, Inc. If selected for the program, Antrim will receive free professional planning services in a process known as a "charette", including recommendations for downtown improvement and revitalization. Sponsored by the State Department of Resources and Economic Development, the PlanNH program conducts two "charettes" per year, selecting from among 20 or more applications. The results of Antrim's status in the competition is expected by April. If selected, Antrim could see planners combing Main Street this spring or next fall.

In other Arts and Business Council news, plans for a Community Resource Guide listing Antrim businesses, artists, musicians, craftspeople, and other resources, are still underway. Volunteers to assist with this important effort are welcome. The Council has also discussed the possibility of organizing an annual community-wide event. A Celtic Music Festival was suggested and all agreed that the idea dovetailed with Antrim's Scots-Irish heritage. The idea was temporarily tabled until a broader base of support for organizing such an event could be assembled.

The Council enthusiastically welcomes new members with new ideas or a willingness to help achieve ongoing projects. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month; dates for upcoming meetings are: March 17, April 21 and May 19. For more information, contact David Essex at 588-3664 or Andy Paul at 588-8361.

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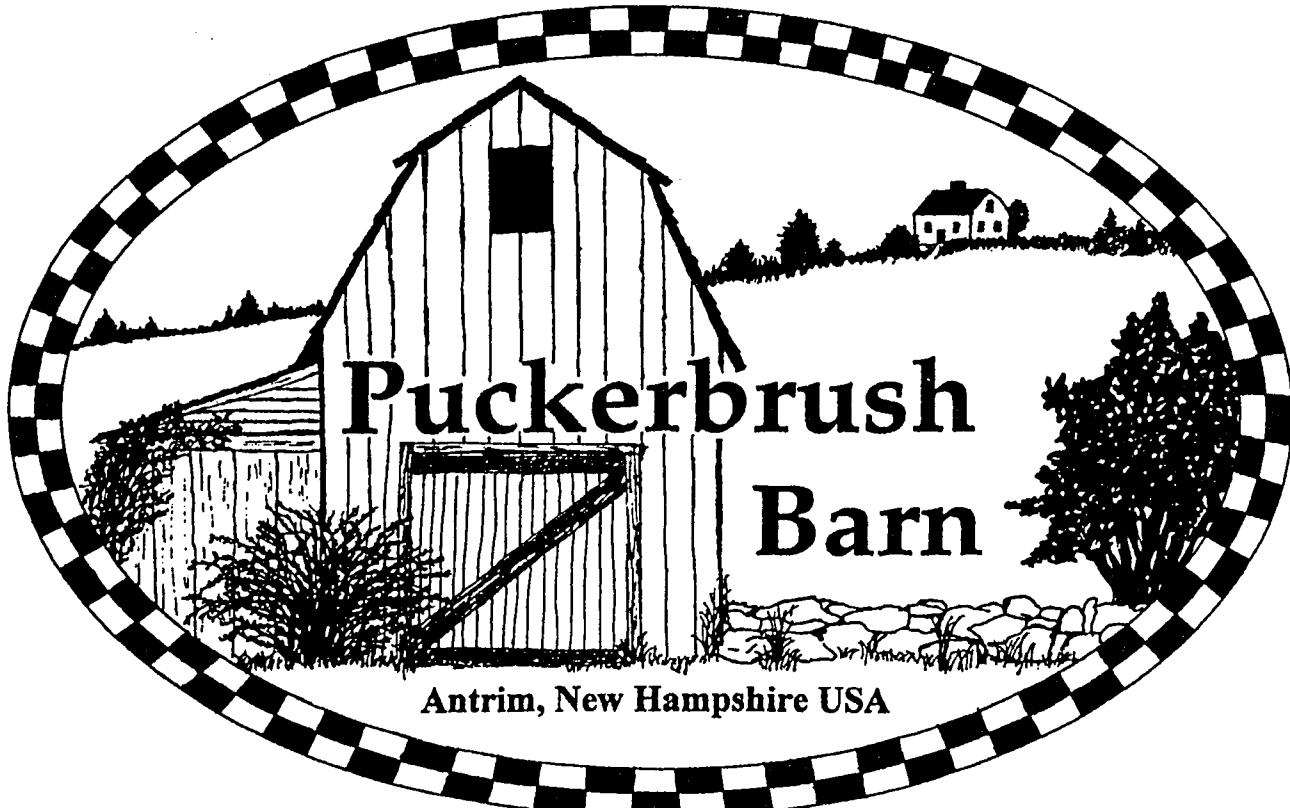
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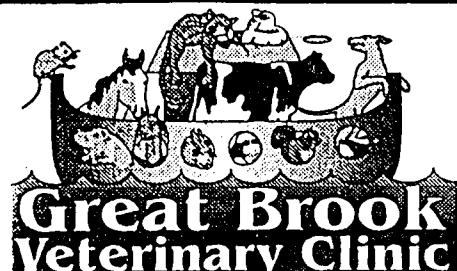
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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 2-3 GBS 5th Grade overnight to Worcester
- 5 Preschool Storytime • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
- 9 Voting Booths open from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM
- 9 Antrim Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Festival
- 10 Antrim CARES Committee meeting • Little Town Hall • 7:00 PM
- 11 TOWN MEETING • GBS Gym • 7:00 PM
- 13 Cabin Fever Day 2 • The Grapevine • 1-4:00 PM
- 14 Antrim Woman's Club & Tuttle Library
Readers's Theater Presentation "*It Had To Be Done—Do I Did It*"
Antrim Baptist Church Fellowship Hall • 2:00 PM
- 17 Arts & Business Council meeting • Little Town Hall
- 17 St. Paddy's Day Buffet • Maplehurst Inn
- 19 Preschool Storytime • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
- 20 GBS Team to Mock Trial in Nashua
- 22 SCHOOL CLOSED • Teacher workshop
- 28 Palm Sunday Services • 10:30 AM

APRIL

- 1 Maundy Thursday Communion Services
- 2 Preschool Storytime • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
- 4 Easter Sunrise Service • 6:30 AM • Antrim Baptist Church
- 4 Easter Sunday Service • 10:30 AM
- 4 Easter Sunday Buffet w/the Great Easter Bunny • Maplehurst Inn
- 9 Friends of Recreation • Family Pot Luck Supper • GBS • 6:30 PM
- 13 Antrim Woman's • Dock History from Strawberry Banke
Antrim Baptist Church Fellowship Hall • 1:00 PM
- 14 Introduction to Breast-feeding • The Grapevine • 10-11:30 PM

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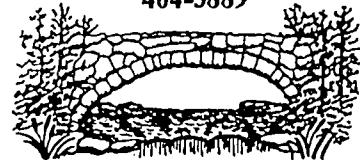


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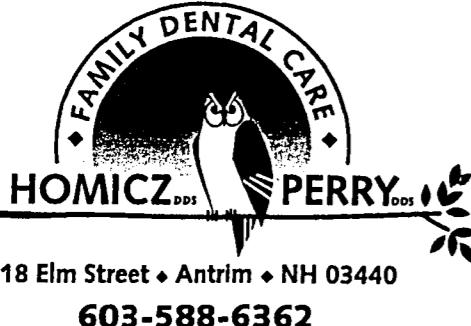
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ANTRIM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- APRIL**
- 14 Antrim CARES Committee meeting • Little Town Hall • 7:00 PM
 - 15-23 Conval student trip to Paris
 - 16 Preschool Storytime • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
 - 16 & 17 Antrim Players Murder Mystery & Dinner • Maplehurst Inn
 - 19-23 SPRING BREAK • School Closed
 - 20 4-H County Activities Day • Milford, NH
 - 21 Arts & Business Council meeting • Little Town Hall
 - 25 Historical Society Panel Discussion • Great Fires in Antrim 2:00 PM • Tuttle Library Historical Room
 - 29 Ready, Get Set, Read • The Grapevine • 10:00 AM
 - 30 Preschool Storytime • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
- MAY**
- 3 Deadline for Antrim Scholarship applications
 - 6 The Gift of Self Esteem • The Grapevine • 10-11:00 AM
 - 6 GBS Spring Concert • 7:00 PM
 - 8 Deadline for news articles for the LIMRIK
 - 11 Antrim Woman's Club Annual Luncheon
 - 12 Antrim CARES Committee meeting • Little Town Hall • 7:00 PM
 - 13 Getting Your Child to Cooperate • The Grapevine • 10:00 AM
 - 14 Preschool Storytime • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
 - 14 Talent Show (Antrim in the Evening Fund Raiser) at GBS • 7:00 PM
 - 19 Arts & Business Council meeting • Little Town Hall
 - 21-23 Conval Band, Chorus and Drama Group trip to NYC
 - 28 Preschool Storytime • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
 - 31 Memorial Day • SCHOOL CLOSED

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