



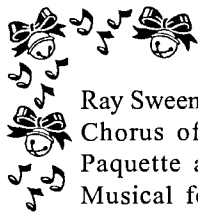
MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

COME TO THE CELEBRATION!

The Town of Antrim's Millennium Committee is planning a gala celebration of the New Year the New Millennium to be held December 31, 1999. Entertainment is planned for all ages. The Grapevine will host toddlers and pre-schoolers from 2 to 4 PM for an afternoon of crafts and snacks and an opportunity for the children to create a keepsake to mark the Millennium. Starting at 6 PM, Laidlaw Transit, Inc. will run two shuttle busses from designated parking areas as the evening's festivities begin. The Presbyterian Church will provide a Church Supper for a small fee and then it's on to Great Brook School for a variety of exciting performances and a celebration bonfire at the Ball Field. There is no charge for the entertainment and all are invited for an alcohol-free night of celebration.

A magician will start off the evening at 7 PM with the first of two shows, followed by Antrim's own Don Readell, leading an evening of "Open Mike" in the Great Brook Cafeteria. Don has over 20 years of experience as a professional singer, guitarist and songwriter and has hosted similar events all over New England. This is your night to shine—come and show your friends and

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Ray Sweeney and a special Christmas Chorus of 30 singers with Becky Paquette as soloist will present a Musical for Christmas titled "DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR!" The performance will be at the Baptist Church, Sunday December 19 at 6:30 PM. Also in the concert will be a Children's Chorus of youngsters from Antrim. In addition, the audience will hear a new piece written especially for the occasion by Ray with Cheryl Boucher. Congregational singing of hymns will complete the evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

LIBRARY EXPANSION MOVES FORWARD

In the year 2000 Antrim's Tuttle Library enters a new phase of its building program.

The goal of the Tuttle Library Trustees is to have the new library addition completed by its centennial in 2008. Plans for building construction have proceeded in an orderly fashion for the past six years:

- 1993 The Long Range Planning Committee determines that while there is insufficient room for collection development, parking space, and other urgently needed facilities, there is no land available on which to build;
- 1994 The Library Trustees urge the Town to purchase the abutting Aiken House property offered for sale by CFX Bank;
- 1995 The Town votes to accept the generous gift of the Aiken House property by James Rymes;

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FOLK TALES

A HUCK FINN ADVENTURE

By Ross Roberts: 1892-1987

The late Ross Roberts was a lifelong resident of Antrim.

Around the turn of the century, I lived near a river that flooded every spring, creating a considerable body of water. This was long before flood control; the amount of water which spread over the lowlands was governed by the amount of snow fall and late winter rains. Usually, the size of the lake, so called, was sufficient to encourage young men to put a rowboat into the water, and if by chance they invited a girl to take a ride it was even more interesting.

My friend Tom and I, not having a rowboat, decided we would build a raft with odds and ends from a local lumber yard. Tom scrounged for nails while I furnished a saw and hammer. We found two heavy pieces for a base which, with some difficulty, we dragged to the water's edge. In due time we had built a raft and shoved it into the water.

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FIRST LIGHTING

Antrim's tenth First Lighting will be on December 9th at 5:00 PM. We hope to meet you at Touchwood Square

where the town tree will be center stage. John Robertson will be emcee. A community sing will be assisted by the GBS choir with Marge Moran as leader. Santa will be along shortly thereafter.

While his reindeer rest, Santa will arrive on a shiny red fire truck with his sack of candy canes. On his journey he will pass holiday candles placed by PSNH on their poles, wreaths made by the Antrim Woman's Club members, and window boxes filled with decorative greens by the Antrim Garden Club Members. Awe inspiring murals in the Town Hall windows were painted by Joan Banko's art classes. (The Garden Club donated money which was used for this project).

Cookies, made by Woman's Club members, and hot chocolate will be available for purchase. Proceeds will go to the Grange Roof fund.

Bring a flashlight or lanterns to help light your way.

— Lois Harriman

AIKEN HOUSE RENOVATION UPDATE

The project is moving along on schedule. This fall, architect Tom Weller has been creating working drawings and bid specifications based upon the preliminary design approved by Town Meeting. Discussions have been held with members of the Aiken House Advisory committee to ensure that the design specifications will meet the needs of the Town and The Grapevine Community Center. The group's goal has been to create a practical, comfortable facility that will blend well into its Main street neighborhood, while remaining cost efficient to build and operate. The final drawings were presented by Mr. Weller and grant administrator Steve Griffin at the November 22 selectmen's meeting and are on display at

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EDITORIAL

The Antrim Players, since 1918 a source of plays and musicals in the Antrim Town Hall, have once again demonstrated strength. Their October production of *Noises Off*, a technically difficult comedy, ranks with their best work in anyone's memory. Leaders of the present Players include people whose parents and even grandparents were active in their own times. A few of the participants in *Noises Off*, both on and off stage, have been Players for years—as have others who did not participate this time—but the genius of the group is constantly to welcome newcomers. We have a treasure in our midst.

Town Hall has been crucial to the long existence of the Players, for it provides an exceptionally good space for theater which the town fathers have always given free of charge. In return, the Players have paid for proper theater lighting and other theatrical equipment as well as overhead fans and fine window drapes.

At the March Town Meeting we will vote on an appropriation to pay for structural and aesthetic improvements for Town Hall. Proposed work includes some details that are much in the Players' interest—which we should keep in mind as we vote.

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BULLYING IN THE SCHOOLS

Editor's Introduction. The New York Times magazine for August 22 featured an article about our own ConVal High School and the ordeal of “outsider” boys there. “How the picked-on cope—or don't,” reads the title. The article stirred up exceptional interest both locally and nationally and lead to an appearance on the Oprah TV show by several ConVal students and their parents. Though all this had the effect of associating ConVal with schools across the country where terrible violence has occurred, the article's author, Adrian LeBlanc, went out of her way to characterize ConVal as an above-average public high school with a progressive administration and more than its share of teachers to whom students look up. Nevertheless, she made clear her belief that ConVal has in its midst boys who are stressed by constant bullying and taunting, and connects this with “a brutally enforced teenage structure...” that has an explosive potential.

The LIMRIK asked Jane Miller, a school board member from Antrim, the mother of ConVal students and a professional educator, to respond to questions about the above. Her response came in the form of the following commentary.

I taught in a summer music program for families one time, and, before the session began, at a staff meeting, someone asked, “What will we do when the young boys start hanging out outside the dance pavilion, not participating in the community gathering each morning? Their parents will be right there taking part in the activities but, in the past, they haven't always gotten their own kids to join the group. Should we speak to the boys to get them to join, even though their parents are right there?” We battled this question around for a while asking ourselves whether it would be “stepping on the parents' toes” for us to set limits for *their* children. We asked ourselves if it were detracting from the spirit of the community when the little boys broke off from it? One staff person spoke up and said, “At the school where I teach, we have just one rule. It is: “We take care of each other here”.”

That seemed like a simple statement but I've pondered it for several years. What exactly did it mean? In the case of the summer program issue, I think it meant that any of us should speak to the boys to remind them to join the community. We were *all* responsible for everyone there. We *all* needed to help create a spirit of participation. We all needed to “take care” of the community and of the boys, letting them know we valued their involvement and that it really didn't feel good to the rest of us if they disbanded. As it turned out, *that* summer there was no separatist group and we staff members had a good laugh at the end of the session over our own unnecessary anxieties.

The summer incident came to mind recently when administrators from ConVal schools came to a school board education committee meeting to talk about bullying in their schools. When Rick Nannicelli, principal at Great Brook School, talked about the importance of helping children see that it's their responsibility to let adults know if someone is behaving in inappropriate ways at school, he said, “It's not tattling. It's acting responsibly.” I thought, “Yes—the message to these children is that we take care of each other here.” If someone is bullying, it's important, whether you're actively involved or not, for you to let an adult know.

Bullying is a strong word and, of course, brings to mind a physically large person overpowering a smaller one. Surely, this isn't necessarily the case. At the same school board meeting mentioned

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above, subtle forms of bullying were brought up. Students excluding other students from activities or teams was mentioned. We've all been "left out" of something at one time or another and know the discomfort involved. Some children feel this over and over at school—usually because there is something about the child that leads others to believe they're different or odd. It seems to me this is where we need to begin the conversation about "a brutally enforced teenage structure," or the issue of teenage "outsiders." We need to begin (and many of our schools have) with working on developing in schools, a culture of *honoring* of differences. It is my belief that teachers and administrators can and must arrange many, many times each day to honor children and their varied gifts—not just the traditionally honored gifts of academic excellence or skill in athletics, but their kindnesses, their handiness with tools, their ability to comfort a hurt child, their ability to negotiate through difficult situations, their facility in the visual arts, music. If requires close observation of children and sometimes detective work (asking around in the community about children's after-school activities) to find out about some children's quiet, out-of-the-ordinary genius, but I believe it's there in every child and we educators need to find it, honor it and cultivate a spirit of honoring every single child in our care. It is in a culture of honoring, that children will feel care for, will feel they belong—will feel they are not "outsiders".

— Jane Miller

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

The Board has had quite a productive third quarter in 1999. We successfully put the assessing services out to bid and selected Earls & Associates of Concord, NH as our third party assessor. In addition, the Bolton Company has completed repairs to the Gregg Lake Dam as specified by our engineering firm. The Board has appointed an Economic Development Advisory Committee which includes Selectmen's Chairman Tim Seeger, local businessmen David Essex, Bob Edwards and Paul Boule' and Monadnock Business Ventures' (non-voting member) John Vance, Sr..

The Board has received a majority of Town Department budgets and are in the process of reviewing them with Department Heads. As you all know the Town's tax rate (along with the rest of New Hampshire's communities) was held up over the State Education debate. Due to the late mailing of tax bills the due date this year is December 13. The Board is satisfied with the \$6.05/thousand assessed value decrease in the tax rate.

This may be our last public opportunity to thank Selectman Denise Dargie for filling out the remainder of a two year term. Mrs. Dargie's term expires in March of 2000. Filing period for elected positions is January 26–February 4, 2000.

Reminder on Winter Parking: Effective from November 1 through April 1, parking is prohibited on town streetw between 11 PM and 7 AM. Overnight parking is prohibited in the Municipal Parking Lot behing the Town Hall and at the Library from 10 PM through 6 AM. Violator's vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.

As always, our Board is here to serve the community. If you have any questions, or issues of concern please feel free to contact our office. If you would like to share an issue with us please call to get an appointment on our agenda, so that we do not keep you waiting.

— Timothy J. Seeger, Chairman

HOORAY FOR OUR KIDS

By Kathy Stacy

What we hear about schools is so very depressing
To some it suggests that we now are regressing.
State funding's a problem, and violence in schools,
Lack of respect, not enough rules,
Parents want vouchers, the State pushes tests—
It makes teachers wonder about giving their best.

There are those who proclaim that "I, too, used to teach!"
Who expect us to master what they could not reach.
The Governor, a parent, a local Board rep
Set goal after goal which of course must be met.
But we are the ones with the kids every day;
We're here for them all in much more than one way.

It's got to be easy or it won't be much fun
And it's got to be fun or it just won't get done.
So we take little steps and we make little gains,
We take time with our students, and infinite pains.

We feed them when hungry and hold them when hurt;
To give them our all is of course our life's work.
We give them full minds and a full heart as well;
We turn out fine people—it's easy to tell.

Does every child shine like the sun in the sky?
No, of course not, but that is no reason to cry.
All children are gems shining in their own way;
We're thankful for that 'cause they brighten each day.

They give us so much more than we can impart—
Innocence, honesty, pureness of heart.
They see life in colorful hue after hue
And help us adults get a wonderful view.

These kids are from Antrim and these kids are fine;
They need all our love and the gift of our time.
So as we assemble throughout the school year
Let us work to insure that it's full of good cheer.
We will share, we will grow, we will have lots of fun;
Hooray for our kids! They are tops! Number one!

Kathy Stacy is a teacher at the Antrim Elementary School.

AES BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Antrim Elementary School Building Committee met on November 8 to continue discussing the proposed addition and renovation. A preliminary plan had been drafted by Architect Dennis Mires and a preliminary budget had been calculated by Eckman Construction Company.

Rest assured that we will keep you informed as progress continues on this important project.

— Jane Miller

FROM THE STATEHOUSE

By Representative Richard Herman

Hey, Chicken Little, the sky is falling! That's what it felt like in the legislature the other day as we cast our final vote of the session on HB 999, crafted at the last minute to keep the school house doors open. The bill did pass 212-128. Should we celebrate? I don't think so because HB 999 is just another bandaid solution that can last only until we run out of money, which is soon. In fact, under HB 999 there is already a shortfall of 39 million dollars! It's sad to say, but this bill is rally a sham and surely does not bring closure to the school funding problem. I'm embarrassed to be a part of such a shoddy process of lawmaking.

The best provision in HB 999 is the "sunset" clause which causes the new law to die by the year 2003, thus giving the legislature another 3 years to study the problem further and come up with a better solution. But one must ask, what on earth can be discovered in 3 years that we don't already know now?

Hopefully, one result of passage of this bad bill will be to place the educational funding issue squarely in the center of debate in the upcoming election year—with all candidates stating clearly where they stand and why. No shenanigans. And this time around, the voters must speak out with a loud clear informed voice and tell their representatives what they want.

As I said in November 1998, it's clear to me that the only fair, long term solution for sustainable and adequate funding of education is through an income tax. It would simplify the entire complex mix of taxes in the state, it would keep pace with inflation and inevitable increased cost of everything, it would dramatically reduce the state portion of local property taxes, and assure that everyone paid their fair share. In short, it would bring our tax system out of the dark ages and into the new millennium. It would change the old agrarian system of taxation based on what property one owned to a modern basis of taxing annual earned income. Furthermore, a taxation system based on earned income can keep pace with inflation and guarantee sustained revenue for the state, towns, and cities of New Hampshire.

And, one FINAL reason why I still believe so strongly in the wisdom of the income tax plan as proposed in HB 109 earlier this year—the monies collected would have been dedicated to education by constitutional amendment, rather than go into the general fund and be used for other purposes. I believe we missed a great opportunity to achieve a good solution to a vexing problem. We could have funded a better than "adequate" education for all the children of our state and, at the same time, reduced the state portion of our local property tax to ZERO?

A friend asked me about the broad-based sales tax, which received little support in the legislature. There are 3 problems with that solution: 1.) Expensive to administer, 2.) Raises insufficient funds, 3.) Revenue fluctuates with the economy and it's regressive (disproportionate burden on wealthy/poor people).

Now that we're in an election year, let's begin a constructive dialogue with the State Representatives who want to be re-elected and hear their constructive positive tax plans. Let's avoid slogans and negativity, and hear some no-nonsense concrete details. Remember HB 999 is only a bandaid. I predict we'll be looking at a \$150-200 million shortfall in education funding by 2001. We'd better get busy fast and figure out the answer.

Write to me at RR 2 Box 165, Hillsboro Upper Village, NH 03244 or send your e-mail to: richard@interlocken.org ♣

Library Expansion *continued*

1996 New Library driveway is constructed behind the Aiken House and additional parking spaces are created by Road Agent Bob Varnum and crew, paid for by the library and funds voted by the Town;

1997 Enthusiastic community support for a library addition is expressed through public meetings, questionnaires, and individual interviews;

A Library Building Fund is created through generous anonymous gifts;

Library Trustees interview five architectural firms and hire Weller, Adams, Pietz & Michael of Keene. Architect Tom Weller prepares attractive and functional preliminary site and floor plans;

1998 The Aiken Barn property behind the library is purchased by the Aiken Barn Trust, a non-profit group, consisting of Antrim residents concerned that space be held for the Town to solve the library-Grapevine parking problem and provide the library with greater flexibility in its building expansion plans;

1999 To provide library access and additional parking during the renovation of the Aiken House, a new drive-through between the rear of the library and the Aiken Barn property is arranged by the Selectmen and constructed by Road Agent Bob Varnum and crew.

Today, with increased use by residents, a larger collection, and the addition of public computer and internet access, the library is even more overcrowded than it was in 1993. If the library is to continue providing excellent services and facilities to its patrons, a building addition is absolutely necessary.

The trustees have important plans for the year 2000. The next step is to acquire the best possible land for the enlargement of the library, and to begin a capital reserve fund to assist with the financing of the project.

Until recently, the only land available for a library addition is a narrow space that will be created when the rear of the current Aiken House is torn down during renovation. When the Grapevine moves back into the Aiken House, the Town will have the opportunity to purchase the Aiken Barn property for library expansion and library parking. (The Grapevine will have sufficient parking space next to its building on Aiken Street.) The Aiken Barn Trust has agreed to offer the sale of the property to the Town before any other potential purchaser. To this end the Library Trustees have submitted a warrant article asking that the Town vote to purchase the Aiken Barn property for the use of the library.

Financing for the new addition will be through a combination of private donations, corporate contributions, government grants, and Town funding. The Trustees have submitted a warrant article asking that the Town vote to establish a capital reserve fund of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) toward the future construction of a library addition.

A town's library is its heart. Antrim has had a wonderful library for nearly one hundred years. We must keep it vital and strong and growing.

— Lyman Gilmore

For the Tuttle Library Board of Trustees



TWO ANTRIM FARMSTANDS

CHAUNCEY'S

The colorful and dramatic display of pumpkins at the Chauncey Farm just off Route 202 north of Antrim has become an annual autumn event that draws customers and sightseers in very large, and growing, numbers. Thousands of pumpkins are arranged in fancifully-designed rows and piles on a field that tilts towards the road such as to allow excellent visibility to passing traffic.

Diane and Matt Chauncey bought the property eleven years ago because of its seven splendid fields which provide 74 acres of tillable land. (It was formerly known as the Dziengowski place whose farmhouse, children whispered, was haunted.) Here they plant chiefly pumpkins and corn. At first only one acre was used for pumpkins but this has gradually increased until now between 15 and 20 acres grow some 28,000 pumpkin plants—which plants are started during the winter at the Chauncey residence on Smith Road. The yield is more than 100 truckloads of pumpkins, about half of which are retailed right there, the other half going wholesale to farmstands both in and out of state.

Corn provides not only a cash crop but also, planted in annual rotation with pumpkins and winter rye and alfalfa, keeps the fields healthy. Any given field grows pumpkins one year, followed by corn the next, followed by winter rye/alfalfa the next—then back to pumpkins.

Who does the work? The whole family does—Diane, Matt and their three children, Mackenzie, Mary and Forrest. Both Mackenzie and Mary are students at UNH while Forrest is a student at ConVal.

Matt Chauncey, a school teacher who grew up in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, has old-time Antrim roots, being the grandson of Mary and Ed Kanpp who farmed the Smith Road property where Matt and Diane built their house in 1979, the Knapp house having previously burned. That the Chaunceys settled in Antrim relates to Matt's exceedingly fond memories of visits to his Knapp grandparents on the old farm.

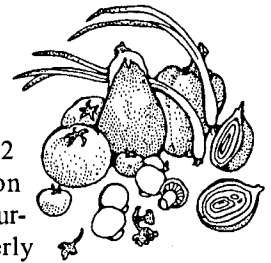
— Dick Winslow

RURAL RIDES

Did you say that you need a ride? Rural Rides is still here. You have these options:

1. Free bus service from Antrim to the Peterborough Plaza. It leaves town hall at 8:50 AM and for the return trip it leaves Ames parking lot (to Antrim and Bennington) at 11:30 AM. This will be on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays when school is in session.
2. A.R.C. volunteer drivers, living in Antrim and Bennington, offer door to door service for trips in the local area, including Peterborough and Hillsboro. Call 800-244-2214 no later than noon of the day before. If you schedule your shopping or medical appointments or trips to your lawyer for Tuesday or Thursday, drivers will be available.
3. Rides may also be available for medical services to Manchester, Keene, Boston, or Lebanon. Please call the American Red Cross at 800-244-2214.

Brochures with more information are available at the Tuttle Library, the Town Office or The Grapevine. Your local Rural Rides coordinator is Ed Rowehl at 588-2831.



TENNEY'S

The Tenney Farm Stand, a Route 202 fixture just south of Antrim, is on Contoocook River property that was purchased in 1954 by Stanley and Beverly Tenney for dairy farming. Their children Eric and Mark grew up there helping with farm chores—following out a Tenney/Antrim farming tradition that had started in 1815.

In 1970, after college and Navy service, Eric, with wife Linda opened the Farm Stand, concentrating on food crops, flowers and, for a while, a florist business. In 1974, Mark and wife Twila joined the enterprise, continuing for twenty years until Mark decided to pursue another career. And now changes are again afoot: Linda and Eric's daughter and son-in-law, Christa and Chris Salmay, are helping run the farm and are considering the possibility of adding a few animals and enlarging the selection of articles for sale.

Although the Stand is not open during winter months, work goes on anyway, planting and transplanting seeds in the greenhouses, making sure furnaces operate all night so nothing freezes, getting seedlings into appropriate pots, etc. Once the plants are outside in the early spring, it is a delight to see, especially the pansies in bloom but there are late frosts to watch for and a watering system to set up and monitor.

In May, work commences in the fields for strawberries, corn, pumpkins and many other fruits and vegetables grown for the Stand. (Corn is also sold wholesale to other outlets in the region.) Some 40 acres have to be ploughed, harrowed and weeded and, especially the strawberries and small vegetables, irrigated. In late spring, local young people are hired for weeding and picking.

In the fall, there are trips to get apple drops and supplies needed to make fresh cider right here on the premises.

Flowers, both annuals and perennials, are a major part of the business. Also, there is usually an assortment of jams and jellies, maple syrup, sweets, baskets and dried flowers for sale.

One can feast the eyes, soul and/or the stomach on flowering annuals, perennials and vegetables at Tenney Farm Stand from April to December.

— Ruth Zwirner

Aiken House Project *continued*

the Little Town Hall. The bid process is expected to begin sometime this month.

To assist the architect, members and friends of the advisory committee have done some preliminary demolition work at the site. This work involved opening walls and ceilings to reveal the condition of the structure's framing and to quantify the scope of the project.

The committee has also been working with the Tuttle Library Trustees and the Aiken Barn Trust board to facilitate the best use of the three adjoining properties. A temporary lease agreement was made between the Town and The Aiken Barn Trust for use of the Barn parking lot by Library staff and patrons to minimize traffic through the construction site. As a result, a driveway has been created between the two properties. If all goes well, it's expected that demolition of the rear ell of the Aiken House will take place in early winter with renovation construction beginning in early spring.

— Dave Penny

TOWN HISTORY REVISITED

THE OLD SILK MILL

By Isabel Nichols

Of the twenty or more mills that harnessed the water power of Great Brook for the manufacture of as many different products, none was more euphoniously named than The Old Silk Mill on Grove Street. For over a hundred years, and seven different owners, the modest building turned out seven different products until it burned in 1948, but the name "The Old Silk Mill" seemed to suit it best.

It was built by John Dunlap in 1835 for the manufacture of furniture. Members of the Dunlap family were well-known in Southern New Hampshire for their individual style of furniture design; descendant of this family Don Dunlap now works in his shop on Goodell Road, where he has been much honored for his recreations of the 18th century art of his ancestors.

At this time of the burgeoning industrial revolution, however, John may have felt that his time as a craftsman had come and gone, and he sold out after eight years to Ezra Hyde, who enlarged the building and turned it into a woolen mill. Hyde, a would-be entrepreneur, had a number of business ventures in town, but after a few years and some failures went back to his native town of Winchendon where he seems to have thrived.

It was shortly after Hyde's occupancy that the mill fell into the hands of Harold Kelsea who was engaged in the business of making silk thread and twist. Both Harold and his son Joseph lived in Main Street houses adjacent to the shop with back yards sloping down to the mill pond. This small body of water must have been a


source of recreational pleasure to members of their families during the changing seasons of the year.

But the Kelsea family operation which lasted nearly thirty years had a profound effect on the young women of the town. In 1857 a girl had few choices after completing the village school of eight grades. Further education in an academy in another town was not encouraged; she could hire out as a servant for a miserably small wage, or with a particular talent she might take up dressmaking. To become a teacher a girl must have showed exceptional ability in grammar school, even then there would be few positions available. So the years were long and profitless until a suitable husband came along and she could set up housekeeping with him;

The creation of fine silk threads was probably more suited to the delicate hands of women than to the work-worn calloused hands of men, so Mr. Kelsea set about hiring these young girls who had little else to do. By the 1870s he had sixteen employees and as a concession to femininity had panelled the inside of the mill with wood from the pews of the Over East Church which had been born down.

At Greenfield's Oak Park Fair in 1884 Joseph Kelsea, Harold's son and mill agent, arranged a display of materials made from his mill products which attracted a lot of interest, at least among the womenfolk. There were scarves, handkerchiefs and yards of pure silk dress material of the ornate variety so popular in the 1880s.

The wages earned by these girls gave them prestige and a newfound power; they became part of the economic cycle with the ability to spend or save for the future. But more than this was the camaraderie formed by the girls as evidenced by the annual

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The Old Silk Mill by Giffin Russell

The Old Silk Mill *continued*

reunions held after the silk mill had ceased that particular operation in 1885, and the girls were housewives and mothers. Pages 44-46 in *A Stroll Through Antrim NH* shows one of these gatherings, as well as pictures of the mill and the Kelsea homes. On one such occasion a banquet was held in the old spooling room, followed by speeches, and ending with a dance on the lower floor of the mill. Surely an event to remember, prompted by a special time in the lives of these women.

For the rest of its existence the mill was used for the manufacture of apple-parers, boxes for packing apple-parers, mill supplies and chemical supplies; it even had a short life as an automobile paint shop. But nothing was as glamorous as the creation of silk threads in more than one hundred different colors, and so history has named it "The Old Silk Mill".

I have used the several Antrim histories for my sources in writing this article; all are available in the Tuttle Library. The Dunlap Cabinetmakers by Philip Zea and Donald Dunlap is a recent addition to the collection. I also found information in a piece by Jessie Salisbury, printed in the Monadnock Ledger in 1992.

Folk Tales *continued*

Of course we needed poles to propel it and for these we used two sticks, many of which were laying around the yard—narrow strips of wood which are laid between boards to help them dry properly. So we boarded the raft and pushed off into the great unknown. No two boys ever experienced a greater thrill. The fact that neither of us could swim didn't enter our heads. We were on our way, destination unknown and it didn't matter.

Things were going nicely when suddenly Tom's pole broke. However, I managed to keep a semblance of control until my pole got caught in the mud. Try as I would, I couldn't pull it out. I hung on to it hoping it would spring loose but it didn't. There was a strong current, so it was not a happy situation. Not only were we out of control but a cold rain had begun which really worried us. We were being hustled along towards Bennington which meant we might get into rough water and be tossed off the raft.

As we swept towards the Bennington Road, we saw a team of horses with two men. We waved at them and they, sensing that we were in trouble, got off their wagon and tossed us a rope—but the rope missed the raft and we were sliding along fast toward the rough water. However, the men threw the rope again and this time I caught it. I tried to tie it to the raft, fearing that I could not hold it against the current, and after two attempts I succeeded. The men then hauled away and soon we were in shallow water and climbed up onto the road. We were wet and the men were wet but they said they would soon be returning to Antrim and we had better stay with them for a ride home.

I don't know what became of the raft. It must have caught on a rock and broken up. Eventually we arrived home and in due time our parents learned about our escapade. I didn't get a shellacking but did get a stern warning; nevertheless, I was soon ready for another adventure.

In those days, boys living in town usually had leisure in which to play and frequently would be gone from home for two or three hours at a time. We were largely dependent on ourselves for entertainment which usually meant roaming the fields and woods, fishing in nearby streams and picking berries—so building a raft was not too much out of line and surely was more exciting. ♣

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN

Tom Dowling, VMD
Great Brook Veterinary Clinic

Having pets is enjoyable and easy when they are young, healthy and problem free. However, age catches up with them as it does with all of us, and this brings certain unpleasant tasks and situations. One particular problem facing older dogs is unexpected puddles that owners have to deal with. Not a happy situation! There are many reasons why an older dog may start to have these problems. Sorting out why can be challenging. The causes can be simple or complicated as are the likely remedies.

The first thing to determine is whether the urine puddles happen because of a physical or medical situation or whether it's due to a behavior or psychological problem. In older dogs it is most likely the former rather than the latter. When an older dog has a medical or physical reason for unacceptable urination, it can be due to a urinary tract infection, kidney disease or cancer of the bladder or kidneys.

Some older dogs become diabetic and produce copious quantities of white urine. However, most diabetic dogs become so by middle age (4 or 5 years old). Blood tests, urinalysis and x-rays are helpful diagnostic tools for these animals.

Simpler cases show up from time to time that are due to a weak sphincter muscle. This muscle is like a valve that keeps the bladder closed until the animal voluntarily empties its bladder. When this muscle gets weak with age, it has a hard time staying completely closed, especially when the animal is at rest. In such an instance, dogs are unaware of the problem, although they may appear embarrassed at their, or your, discovery of the puddle. Although this problem tends to become more frequent in older spayed females, older males, neutered or not, may get the same problem. Most of these cases can be treated rather inexpensively with an oral medication that tightens up the bladder sphincter muscle.

Very old dogs may urinate inappropriately due to senility or a cognitive dysfunction syndrome. Not much is available to help these cases. Patience and extra T.L.C. is the best approach. After all, our pets deserve it. ♣



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ABOUT TOWN

ANTRIM GRANGE NEWS

ANTRIM WOMAN'S CLUB

The Antrim Woman's Club is launching an all-out effort to increase membership. Anyone interested should contact Martha Brown at 588-6803.

At the November 9th meeting there was discussion about withdrawing from the State and National Federation of Woman's Clubs and considering the future of the Antrim Woman's Club as an independent organization. At a subsequent meeting, it was voted in fact, to withdraw from State and National organizations, but to continue as an independent Woman's Club. Previously, two members of the Peterborough Woman's Club, Lynn Campbell and Virginia Verkert, pointed out Antrim's proud history of service to the town including scholarships for promising youngsters and assistance to the town's Rescue Squad.

Times have changed such that many women have a second career. And of course many have small children at home. Suggestions from this group of young women would be especially welcome.

New officers are: Martha Brown, President; Pat Couture, Vice President; Virginia Young, Secretary; Sue Taylor, Treasurer; and Barbara Hardwick, Chaplain. ♣

MONADNOCK CHORUS

The Monadnock Chorus will hold its 41st Annual Christmas Concert at the Peterborough Town House on Saturday, December 11 at 8 PM and Sunday, December 12 at 3 PM. The Chorus will perform a variety of Christmas and Choral music and will invite the audience to join in the singing of several Christmas Carols.

A number of the chorus members are from Antrim.

Advance tickets for the performances in Peterborough are \$15 for adults (\$17 at the door) and \$8 for children (\$10 at the door). Tickets are available at the Toadstool Bookstores, Steele's, the Peterborough Chamber of Commerce and from Chorus members. For more information call Pamela Taylor at 588-2370. ♣

Y2K PREPAREDNESS

Antrim's Town Office recently distributed to every Antrim postal address a one-page set of Be-Prepared-Just-In-Case suggestions for meeting Y2K. Extra copies are available at the Town Hall. Suggestions focused on being foresighted about food staples, bottled water, first-aid materials and prescription medications, backup heat sources, flashlights, cooking arrangements, financial records, cash in hand, a full tank of gas for the car and a battery-powered radio.

IF YOU HAVE SPECIAL HEALTH NEEDS that would be seriously affected by the loss of electrical power (e.g. oxygen, dialysis, etc.) you are invited to send your name, address and phone number to the Town Office along with a brief description of your situation so that the office may assist you in obtaining necessary care if needed. The Town Office address is: PO Box 517, Antrim, NH 03440 and the phone number is 588-6785. ♣

FRAMEWORKS

Antrim's brand new 40,000 square foot Frameworks plant has been up and running since early September with over 100 employees and a sign out front, "Now Hiring, First and Second Shifts." Many more workers are needed.

The plant manufactures and packages automotive lighting equipment.

Until the Antrim facility was built, Frameworks had operations in both Hillsboro and Newport. Now, everything is under one roof in Antrim. Paul Belliveau, Frameworks president, believes that the new building provides efficiencies that are worker-friendly and contribute to a healthy level of productivity. The building, by the way, has its own cafeteria.

Given the very tight labor market, Mr. Belliveau hopes to interest some retired people in doing Frameworks tasks, very possibly in their own homes. Frameworks is also looking into the possibility of establishing a day Care Center should there be a need for it. This would be done in cooperation with Southern NH Services, offering a sliding scale of payments geared to parents' ability to pay. ♣

Antrim Grange No. 98 would like to thank the people in and around Antrim who have so generously donated money and time to the Roof Fund. The Grange members started fund raising back in June with the help of some concerned townspeople, and as of the end of October, they had a little over \$9,000 raised. The goal is \$15,000, so more fund-raiser ideas are in the works for the coming months. In November, Valley Construction began repairing the roof and assessing the extent of the damage.

Some of the activities that were held were yard sales, food concessions, raffles, a benefit concert by LiveOak, and the sale of glass suncatchers donated by Hancock Glassworks. These are still available in four different colors at \$10 each and would make great Christmas gifts. Please contact Beth Merrill at 588-6615 for details on the suncatchers or to make a donation to the Antrim Grange Roof Fund.

Winners of the quilt raffle were: Scrap Quilt—William Gutgesell; Baby Quilt—David Corliss; Glass Set—Cindy Meyers; and the Serving Set—Shannon Chandler.

Special thanks for their contributions go to Herbert Nilson, Antrim Players, Antrim Historical Society, Antrim Lumber, Hancock Glassworks, Price Farm School, LiveOak, Antrim Cribbage Club, Dan Wilson Memorial, N.E.B.S., Peter and Nancy Merrifield, Fox Run Farm, Waverly Lodge IOOF, John and Jane Sizemore, and Arthur Merrill, Sr. Memorial.

The Grange Hall looks to be well on the way to recovery. Now the Grange organization could use some attention. Antrim Grange is accepting applications for membership. Anyone interested in rural issues, educational programs, leadership development, and serving the community should call Carryl Davis, Grange Master at 588-3208 or Arthur Merrill, Grange Membership Chairman at 588-6615. ♣

TOWN OFFICES CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town Offices will be CLOSED on
the following:

Thursday December 23
Thursday December 30



CHURCH NEWS



Antrim Presbyterian Church

588-2209

Pastor Richard Palmer

Sunday Schedule

Adult Sunday School 9:15 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
 (child care available)
 K-12 Sunday School 10:30 AM
 Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM
 AA Meeting 7:00 PM

Dec. 12 Christmas Potluck Supper
 and Program 5:30 PM
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight
 Service 6:30 PM
Dec. 31 Buffet Supper Time/TBA
Feb. 19 Washington's Birthday
 Dinner Time/TBA

Revival Shop Hours

Fri. & Sat. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Antrim Baptist Church

588-6614

Pastor Charles V. Boucher

Cherryl Boucher, Associate Pastor

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School 9:15 AM
 Worship 10:30 AM
Dec. 19 Christmas Pageant 10:30 AM
Dec. 19 Christmas Musical 6:30 PM
 "Do You Hear What I Hear"
 directed by Ray Sweeney
Dec. 24 Candlelight Christmas Eve
 Service 7:00 PM
 Wed. Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM
 Sat. Food Pantry 10:00 AM-12 Noon

Antrim Church of Christ

588-6178

Evangelist Lawrence Warren

Sunday Schedule

Bible Study 9:30-10:30 AM
 Worship 10:45-12 Noon
 Potluck Lunch 12 Noon
 Devotionals 1:15-2:00 PM
 Bible Study
 Mondays-Ladies 10:00-11:00 AM
 Tuesdays-Teens 7:00-8:00 PM
 All-Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 PM
 Thursdays-Pre-Teen & Adults
 7:00-8:30 PM

Clothing shop and Food Pantry open every Saturday from 10:30-12 Noon.

Bennington Congregational Church

588-2398

Pastor Daniel Poling

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

Saint Patrick Church

588-2180

Rev. Andre L. Bedard

Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:15 PM
 Sunday 8 & 10:00 AM
 Mon-Wed-Fri 7:30 AM
 Thurs. Communion 7:30 AM

Holy Days

Mass 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM
 Vigils 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance

Half hour before each Mass

Religious Education

K-4 Sundays 8:45 AM
 5-9 Sundays 6:30 PM
 Confirmation classes Monday nights

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24 Childrens' Mass 4:15 PM
Dec. 24 Midnight Mass 12
Dec. 25 Mass 9:00 AM

Food Baskets will be delivered over the holidays. Please make non-perishable donations on the last weekend of the month.

New choir members are needed. Tune up your voice and call Pat Cote at 478-3325 to join.

AMERICAN LEGION

As in the past, American Legion Post #50 held a Turkey Raffle on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Proceeds from the raffle along with membership dues are used to help fund various projects, one of which involves sponsorship of the Boy Scout Troop #2. Also, funds are used for upkeep of the Post House on West Street—shared with the Odd Fellows Lodge—such as shingling the roof last September.

The Post's membership goal has been fulfilled 100%. While membership is down from the high point of the 50s and 60s, the Post strives for a full a membership as possible so that benefits to veterans both local and national can be sustained.

— Fred Roberts

Millennium Celebration *continued*

neighbors your hidden talents: sing, juggle, recite a poem, play the kazoo, tap dance. Slots for the Open Mike are filling up fast, so call Don at 588-4106 or e-mail him at readelfamily@conknet.com to be sure to get your 5 minutes of local fame. Whether you choose to perform or watch, this is sure to be an event of great fun.

In the School Gym, the legendary Bud Soule will entertain as DJ with music, singers, and karaoke. Bud is also well known to local audiences as host and raconteur extraordinaire and he promises a few surprises during the evening. He will lead the countdown to the New Millennium as midnight nears. At the stroke of 12, the Town's Churches will join in the Ringing of the Bells to bring in the Year 2000.

The Committee is continuing to finalize the plans and will publish more details of other activities and information on parking. Items with the Town's Millennium logo will be available for sale that evening, plus plenty of refreshments. For more information call Pamela Taylor at 588-2370. ♣

FAMILY ON BOARD

Brian Biehl's Family on Board® mail order catalogue of items for entertaining children on extended automobile trips has entered cyberspace. Fifty percent of its business is already arriving in Antrim via the Family on Board® Web Site and it is expected that this will increase rapidly. Furthermore, Brian has been systematically contacting travel agencies all over the country, inviting them to become Family on Board affiliates with commissions on the sale of products. As of October, some two dozen agencies had signed on and Brian expects that by the end of March 2000 this number will have shot up to between 250 and 300.

Family on Board® has already been written up in both *Time* and *Good House-keeping* magazines and is due for mention in the *National Geographic*.

Both Family on Board® and Boxes on Board® will be open additional hours from 8 AM to 8 PM Mondays and Fridays until Christmas. ♣



After a successful summer and fall season of programs, the Tuttle Library storms into winter with many more programs.

PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME

This year we are pleased to offer an hour of story reading every Friday at 9:30 AM. Bring your pre-schooler and enjoy this opportunity for enrichment and fun.

HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

Have you ever driven by a house and thought, "I wonder what it looks like inside?" Well now is your chance. This house tour features 5 really interesting local houses, bedecked for the holidays. Advance tickets, \$8, available at the Tuttle Library in Antrim, the Dodge Library in Bennington, and the Wool Room, Granite Bank and the Village Cafe in Antrim. Ticket price: \$10 on the day of the tour. Call 588-6786 for more information. Join us on Saturday December 11, from 1:00-6:00 PM.

HOLIDAY STORYTIME WITH THE GIRL SCOUTS

This year we have a special treat for Thursday December 16. The Antrim Girl Scouts Junior troop will present a holiday storytime from 7-8:00 PM.

PET READ-IN

Mark your calendars on Friday February 25 at 10:00 AM for another fun pet read-in. Details will be available at the Library.

PUBLIC ACCESS COMPUTER

Just a reminder that if you don't have a computer at home or you don't have Internet access, the library offers this service to the public free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Conknet, a subsidiary of MCT Telecom. Now you too can be "wired" to the Net. Library staff will be happy to get you started and help you learn how to use this marvelous tool.

ADOPT-A-BOOK PROGRAM

It's that time of year again! This year we are asking members of the community to purchase a children's book, audiotape, or video to donate to the library. Stop in at the library and check out our "wish list".

BOOK DISPLAYS

December: Winter Holidays; January: Late Greats; February: Love Stories

HOLIDAY TRAVELING?

Check out our collection of audio tapes of children's classics for grade-school ages. The perfect in-car companion for traveling during the holidays to "Grandmother's House".

HARRY POTTER AT THE LIBRARY

We have three Harry Potter books in our collection: THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN; THE SORCERER'S STONE; and THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS.

"DEAR AMERICA" SERIES

We have a large selection of this very popular grade-school series written in diary format. Three new ones are: THE GREAT RAILROAD RACE: The Diary of Libby West 1868; and VOYAGE ON THE GREAT TITANIC: The Diary of Libby West 1868.

"AMERICAN SISTERS" SERIES

VOYAGE TO A FREE LAND: Laurie Lawlor 1630.

"MY NAME IS AMERICA" SERIES

THE JOURNAL OF BEN UCHIDA: Citizen 13539 Mirror Lake Internment Camp 1942; THE JOURNAL OF SCOTT PENDLETON COLLINS: A World War II Soldier 1944; THE JOURNAL OF JAMES EDMOND PEASE: A Civil War Union Soldier 1863.

NEW ADULT BOOKS: MYSTERIES

Michelle Blake THE TENTMAKER; *Barbara D'Amato* HELP ME PLEASE; *Dick Francis* SECOND WIND; *Sue Grafton* O IS FOR OUTLAW; *Reginald Hill* ARMS AND THE WOMEN; *Sara Paretsky* HARD TIME; *Ian Rankin* DEAD SOULS; *Ruth Rendell* HARM DONE; *J.D. Robb* LOYALTY IN DEATH; *Elliott Roosevelt* MURDER IN GEORGETOWN; *S.J. Rozan* STONE QUARRY; *Dana Stabenow* SO SURE OF DEATH; *Stuart Woods* WORST FEARS REALIZED

FICTION

David Drake QUEEN OF DEMONS; *Kent Karuf* PLAINSONG; *Greg Iles* THE QUIET GAME; *Jean Hanff Korelitz* THE SABBATHDAY RIVER; *Susan Minot* EVENING; *James Patterson* POP GOES THE WEASEL; *Wilbur Smith* MONSOON; *Nicholas Sparks* A WALK TO REMEMBER; *Scott Turow* PERSONAL INJURIES

NON FICTION

Cynthia R. Green TOTAL MEMORY WORKOUT; *Goran Kropp* ULTIMATE HIGH; *John McCain* FAITH OF MY FATHERS; *Frank McCourt* 'TIS; *Edmund Morris* DUTCH; *Dave Pelzer* A MAN NAMED DAVE

HAVE YOU GOT MAIL, E-MAIL?

If you have an e-mail address, please let the staff know. We can e-mail you when your reserve or interlibrary loan books come in.



The Exhibit Committee is planning the next display of CELEBRATIONS, PARADES AND PROMENADES of the past (hopefully including some of the Millennium year First Night highlights.) Look for this exhibit to appear sometime in February. Check local papers and poster for dates.

The CELTIC exhibit presently in the Historical Room of the Library will be extended until the end of January due to its popularity. A special thank you to Heather Avery of Antrim and her dad, Rep. Stephen Avery of Dublin who helped Giffin Russell and Maddie Brzozowski with the display. ♣

BROWNIE TROOP 2125

Brownie Troop #2125 has an enrollment of 17 committed first through third grade girls and with the help of a great group of parent volunteers we have had four successful meetings and three trips.

We kick off the year with a wonderful hike from Camp Chenoa to Balancing Rock. It was a beautiful fall morning to discover several animal tracks and to experience a local legend in land formations.

In October once again we had lovely weather for our investiture. It was a touching sight to see our girls marching over Peace Bridge to rededicate themselves to the service of Scouting. Afterward, the girls and their families enjoyed a harvest fest which included relay races, a scavenger hunt and pressing apple cider.

Our girls are taking service to the community seriously. They have adopted Memorial Park and are taking pride in keeping it clean. They are also preparing to send winter clothing for school children at the Ogalala Indian reservation.

Upcoming activities include native American dance and music with Shandiin Utter and visiting Crooked Mountain Rehabilitation Center to swim and sing with the residents. In December we will be caroling around town. If you hear us, come out and join in the spirit of the season!

Calling all alumni Girl Scouts. We would love to have you share your talent with us. We are also studying scouts in other countries. If you have information you would like to share with us we would love to hear from you. Please call 588-2086.

— Mary Sawich

THE GRAPEVINE

Kristen Olson Vance

"It's not about your income level, marital status or education. Being at the Grapevine is about being a parent, being human and being part of a community."

— a Grapevine parent

Better Beginnings is the name of the new Grapevine parent-child program. We chose this name because we believe it expresses what The Grapevine offers. Several studies have shown that programs like **Better Beginnings** enhance early development and have a long term effect still apparent by the time the participants reach high school and beyond.

Having the parents on site allows for a gentle transition for the child from the parent to the playroom. Parents of younger children, or children new to the playgroup, are invited to remain with the child until both parent and child are comfortable with the new surroundings. If a child misses the parent, parent and child are reunited until both are ready to separate. Some of the parents with younger children choose to stay in the playroom the entire time. At The Grapevine, we recognize that each parent knows her child best, and is her child's best teacher.

Better Beginnings schedule:

- Tuesdays 9:30 to 11:00 for babies—age 2
- Wednesdays 9:30 to 11:30 for 3 year olds
- Thursdays 9:30 to 11:30 for 4 year olds and pre-kindergarten

For your child...

- Playtime with other children
- Different toys to play with
- Arts and crafts
- Sand, playdough and paint
- Nutritious snack
- Nurturing, caring adults
- Program designed and led by a child development specialist
- Low adult-child ration

For you...

- Make new friends
- Learn new parenting techniques
- Share your experiences
- Learn how to discipline more effectively
- Fun craft activities
- Discussions led by a trained parenting educator

There are 32 children who come to playgroup regularly, accompanied by their parents. Parents who wish to bring their child to a Better beginnings playgroup may call The Grapevine at 588-2620. Space is limited, and enrollment is on a first come, first

served basis. There is a material and snack fee of \$1 per child per day.

AFTER SCHOOL FUN

Supervised activities for middle schoolers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. A typical afternoon will have one or two art projects available, a cooking activity, a variety of games, the chance to "hang out" and socialize with peers, and a quiet place to do homework and even get help with homework if needed. The children give input into the design of the program which keeps the interest level high. There is a materials and snack fee of \$1 per child per day.

AFTER DANCE

A 12-week exercise program for moms and new babies, with certified instructor Celeste Lunetta will be held on Mondays at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$5 per class, \$50 for 12 classes, and \$100 for 24 classes. Financial aid is available.

BREAST FEEDING SUPPORT

An opportunity to talk with other mothers about breast feeding. This group discussion is facilitated by a certified La Leche League lactation consultant. The program will take place on the first Monday of each month at 11:00 AM

PARENTS AS TEACHERS

This program for parents of children under 3 is presented by Sharon Bressett of the Parent Information Center. Call Mary Fleischman, our program coordinator at 588-2620 for dates, time and information.

CREATIVE MOVEMENT AND PAINTING

An experience in expression for adults will be led by artist and educator Melody Russell on Tuesday December 14 and January 17 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. A fee of \$10 per class. Financial aid available.

DANCING THROUGH PREGNANCY

Taught by certified instructor Celeste Lunetta, this is a program of movement with a goal to increase ease and endurance during pregnancy, to prepare for labor and delivery, and to be involved in an activity with other pregnant women. Wednesday evenings at 5:45 PM for 12-week sessions. \$5 per class, \$50 for 12 classes, and \$100 for 24 classes. Financial aid is available.

YOGA FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

An 8-week program with instructor Janet Archer to help you relieve stress, strengthen and stretch your body. Thursday evenings at 5:45 PM. Co-ed, all levels. 8-weeks for \$64. Financial aid available.

OTHER GRAPEVINE NEWS

• **Frog Project Wins \$3000:** The frog counting project, conducted last July by the

Antrim Conservation Commission in collaboration with Grapevine youth and volunteers, was awarded 3rd prize in the Fleet All-Star Contest. The Grapevine will receive a check for \$3000 at an awards ceremony. Thank you to all who participated to make this project a success. Special thanks to Peter Beblowski and Martha Pinello of the Conservation Commission for sharing their knowledge.

• **Snow Days and Center Closures:** The Grapevine will be closed when ConVal schools are closed due to snow. The Grapevine will be open if ConVal school openings are merely delayed.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

All Grapevine programs are free unless otherwise noted. Financial aid is available for all programs with a fee. Call us at 588-2620 to register. The Grapevine is a nonprofit service organization funded by grants from the Department of Health and Human Services and Monadnock Community Foundation, by generous contributions from Monadnock Paper Mills, Monadnock Community Hospital, the First Presbyterian Church in Antrim, the Diocese of Manchester, the Revival Shop. Monadnock Friends Meeting, and by generous contributions from individuals and families in our communities. ♣

ANTRIM MEDICAL GROUP

The Antrim Medical Group is pleased to welcome Chris Jacobson, ARNP to our practice. Chris and his family have been a part of the local area for many generations, and Chris is excited about the opportunity to provide care for patients in our surrounding communities.

Chris received his nursing degree from Temple University in 1983 and has worked as a registered nurse ever since. He has experience in pediatric burn centers, emergency room settings, and most recently, has worked at the Monadnock Community Hospital Emergency Room since 1987. He received his masters in family nursing from Rivier College in May 1999 and is nationally certified as a family nurse practitioner.

He sees patients of all ages and is available for scheduled, and acute appointments at the Antrim office every Tuesday, and on scheduled Wednesdays. The rest of the week, he sees patients at the Jaffrey Family Medicine office. Chris lives in Hancock with his wife and two young sons. We are especially pleased to have him as part of our new team at the Antrim Medical Group. ♣

JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2172

Our troop is now 18 strong. Welcome to all new and returning scouts. Kathy Smith and Sharon Dowling are still the fearless leaders of this energetic group of young ladies. Meetings are on Thursdays at 7 PM at Great Brook School.

Our first event was an awesome Halloween Bash, with all the other troops of Antrim, at Camp Chenoa. The junior girls provided carnival-type booths and a Spookly Walk skit/song for the entertainment. We were also able to celebrate the founder of Girl Scouts, Juliet Cordon Low's birthday. A special thanks to everyone who worked to make this event possible. Troop 2172 worked with the Antrim Food Bank to prepare a Thanksgiving Food Basket. This basket was given as a meal for a family in Antrim.

Holiday Happenings: our troop, with the help of the Antrim Tuttle Library, will present a Holiday Story Hour on December 16 from 7 to 8 PM. Please mark your calendars for this special holiday evening.

Caroling has always been a scouting tradition in Antrim and this year will be no exception. Scouts will be out and about during the Holidays. If you have a special event that you would like our troop to participate in, please contact Kathy Smith at 588-2891. Our troop goal for this scouting year is to become more involved in the community.

Junior Troop 2172 will be heading to Boston for an overnight in the middle of January. Everyone is excited about this trip, which is sponsored by the Swift Water Girl Scout Council. We will be spending the night at the Boston Children's Museum with other Junior Troops. What a great opportunity to learn and to have fun at the same time.

At all of our events we have been diligently working on our first badge for the year. The Healthy Relationships Badge was a great way for our troop to get to know each other and learn to work together.

The Cookies are Coming!!! Greet the millennium cookie sale in style and plan to support another year of scouting. The sale officially begins on January 7. Thanks to all of you who encourage our girls in scouting with your cookie purchase.

— Kathy Smith

BROWNIE TROOP 2129

We are off to an exciting start this year. There have been lots of arts and crafts and we have been getting to know our new girls and reacquainted with returning members.

We held our annual all Girl Scout Halloween Party on October 29. The girls had fun playing at carnival-style game booths and candy-count guessing games and the guess-the-pumpkin weight that the Daisy Scouts sponsored. There were relay races and even a skit put on by the four leaders that really captured the girls' attention.

Our November Investiture and Rededication Ceremony welcomed six new Brownies to the troop. Congratulations Kimberly, Samantha, Kayla, Felisha, Audrey and Ali. The twelve returning girls used colored flowers and candles during the ceremony. Congratulations to Kaeleigh, Sarah, Michelle, Brittney, Erin, Kristina, Kendra, Kelsy, Elysia, Nina, Shelby and Alexandra!

Small groups have been baking a snack every meeting; all girls get a chance to cook. They all look forward to their turn and we thank the Moms who have come in to help each week. We also got a chance to make Swedish Apple Pies—thank you Tracy Davy for the recipe and the help. The girls have been taking turns going to help the Daisies at some meetings. They meet at the same time that we do and our older girls love being able to help the younger girls with their projects. Thank you Kristy Boule' for the opportunity. Special thanks to co-leaders Laurie Steele and Melissa Bishop.

— Darlene Fox



ANTRIM POLICE

The Town of Antrim has had a very good summer with regard to police matters. With the exception of one very tragic bicycle accident there have been few personal injury accidents. Thefts and burglaries have also been minimal. This is all really great when you consider what we all hear and see on the local news.

However, we must not get complacent. Let's always be aware of the activity around us, at home or while driving about town. Let's remove keys from our vehicles and absolutely don't leave your car running—just to quickly run into the Post Office! Let the Police or your neighbors know if you are gone for extended periods of time.

It is so important that we work together as a community to make this town the safest it can be for our children. There have been reports of sexual abuse and physical abuse this year and until we, as a community, can eliminate such crimes, we have work to do. Let us always listen to our children!

As winter approaches and you leave home to go to work in the dark, and when you are driving home—in the dark—please keep in mind that pedestrian traffic is still out. It is dark because of the season, not necessarily the hour. Crosswalks have been painted differently this year to make them more visible. Please yield to the pedestrians attempting to use them, as the law requires.

May we all celebrate the coming holidays and millennium with joy, peace and compassion to others.

— Brian A. Brown
Chief, Antrim Police



ANTRIM HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR

SAT. DEC. 11 1—6 PM

To Benefit the Tuttle Library's Building Fund

ADVANCE TICKETS — \$8
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Did you know that...

We, the LIMRIK staff, made a typo error in the September issue? The listing as CRAIG CLARK AND SONS (and I'm sure most of you know this) should be **CLARK CRAIG & SONS**, all other information being the same. Please accept our apologies, Clark!

PAT & CAROLE WEBBER have Christmas trees for sale? They will be available after Thanksgiving (or even earlier if you're getting anxious). You can pick them out now and cut them at the appropriate time. All trees are \$15.00 each and it is a "U-cut" or "We-cut" choice. The phone number is **588-2332** for more information.

The **ANTRIM VILLAGE CAFE** is now open? Located next to Edmunds' Hardware on Main Street, both breakfast and lunch are available. **Sue Kelly**, owner and "chief cook and bottle washer" provides homemade soups, muffins and deserts. Sue managed the Greenfield Coffee Shop for several years before deciding that Antrim needed a good breakfast and lunch establishment. It's a great place to relax with a friend for a cup of coffee or a soup and sandwich lunch.

The **SUNOCO STATION** next to Wayno's is open? Owner **Craig Grimes** says it is a "full service gas station" and hopes you'll stop at **WAYNO'S SUNOCO**. Included in this project is the rental of one bay of the garage to **Keith Nason** of Hillsboro's **WIRED AND WIRELESS**. Keith sells, installs and services all auto electronics. He sells out of his Hillsboro store but will do repairs and installations at the Antrim site. Congratulations to both of you for filling one of those vacant spots on Main street!

The very attractive murals at **EMPIRE PETS** are done by **Valerie Doyon** of Antrim? The current scenes are of fall and winter but she hopes to keep them seasonal throughout the year. Please do take a moment to see these bright additions to the Main Street scent.

Jessica Bean an Antrim resident, established **JESS SOAPS** in 1998? After three years of making her soaps for friends and family, Jessica decided to offer this wonderful product to everyone. The soaps produced in this successful home-based business are beautifully wrapped with cellophane and raffia. These soaps have a real country feel and are extremely gift worthy, as well. The soaps have a 100% vegetable oil glycerin base and do not contain harsh detergents, perfumes, animal fats or other chemical irritants that tend to dry your skin. All the soaps contain pure essential fragrance oils and are Vitamin E enriched to create the 12 different scents. Soaps are made in 3 ounce and 6 ounce bars and a sampler package is available. Contact Jessica at **588-2457** for more information. Her soaps are also sold at **MIMI'S THYME** on Route 202, Antrim.

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Those eight exterior windows, mentioned in the last issue are now clean? A volunteer showed up the day after that LIMRIK went out. Thanks!

— Gloria Schacht



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 February 8, either to a staff member or to the Tuttle Library.

DAISY GIRL SCOUTS

Daisy Girl Scout Troop 946 has ten new members this year. On November 10th, Melissa Boule', Cassie Brigham, Amanda Davie, Dominique Ducharme, Samantha Fox, Mackenzie King, Nicke' Laviolette, Sarah Logan, Eryn Trow, and Haley Webber became official Daisy Girl Scouts at a special Investiture ceremony. The girls had been meeting weekly making friends, doing crafts and projects, playing games, and learning what Scouting is all about.

The Troops' first field trip was a walk to the Antrim Post Office where Postmaster Belanger gave them a tour showing what happens when you mail a letter. The girls tested it themselves by mailing to each other cards that they had made. Postmaster Belanger used a special cancellation stamp on them. What a special thing for our scrapbooks!

The Daisies also attended the Girl Scout Halloween Party, held this year at Camp Chenoa. They enjoyed playing games organized by the two brownie Troops and sampling all the fun at the booths run by the Junior Girls Troop. Face painting and balloon popping were their favorites.

While these kindergarten-age girls have been busy making clay pumpkins, scrapbooks, fall pictures and a Thanksgiving Basket, they have also been making plans for upcoming events. The Daisies plan to go Christmas caroling, help decorate the town Christmas tree, attend a tea party, host a sledding party and go on a field trip to a candle-making factory.

Troop 946 meets weekly on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 PM in the Teachers' Room at Great Brook School. Anyone who would like more information or would like to donate time or craft supplies can contact Kristy Boule' at 588-2939.

— Kristy Boule'

AD WRITING 101

The following ad copy was actually printed on the product described:

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SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black

REACHING OUT

Antrim has been very supportive of Great Brook School's efforts to develop Community-based School Environmental Education (COSEED). In an effort to solidify and expand community connections, GBS has developed a series of evening meetings.

In November COSEED steering committee members met with librarians and historical society members from the towns of Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, and Hancock. The group discussed ways to improve communication and brainstormed community projects with which students could become involved.

In February, the COSEED team would like to meet with local business people and in April with local craftspersons and artisans. If you would be interested in attending one of these meetings, please call Barbara Black (588-6630 or 588-6710) to get on the invitation list.

A STROLL THROUGH ANTRIM'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE

Students in Mrs. Kenney's and Ms. Black's fifth grade classes have begun developing "A Stroll Through Antrim's Changing Landscape: An Audio and Pictorial Tour Guide." The self-guided tour will contain important historical and current sites and people. Cassette tapes of the oral guide will be available for loan at various sites around town.

Antrim photographer Elsa Voelcker has helped students explore the photography skills they will need for the project. Lyman Gilmore, Oral Historian for the Antrim Historical Society, will help students prepare questions for the interviews. Students hope to be ready to conduct their interviews in January and February.

If you would like to be a part of this project, please contact Barbara Black or Anne Kenney (588-6630).

This project is partially funded by a grant from the ORION SOCIETY, an environmental education organization that supports model place-based education programs.

FIELD BOTANIST

Perhaps you have noticed an unusual number of young people downtown during the morning. Why aren't they in class? Well, they are. The passing corridors are just extra long. Students in Mrs. Pietrovito's, Mrs.

Winslow/Sittig's and Mrs. Shea/Matthews' classes are involved in an indepth study of trees in McCabe Forest.

David Sobel from Antioch College, ELP teacher Dona Fairbairn and art Teacher Joan Bando have been helping students turn their field sketchings into detailed murals.

THE DOW JONES

If you are among those who turn to the business section of the newspaper first to check the current market values, know that you are in good company. Sixth graders have been eagerly following the ups and downs of the market.

The Manchester Union Leader-sponsored Stock Market unit challenges to students' math and consumer skills. Each team of 4/5 students starts with a fictitious \$10,000 to invest in the New York Stock Exchange. After five weeks, students "cash in" their stocks to determine their profit or loss.

To prepare for their investments, students studied such complex concepts as dividends, profit and loss margins, brokerages, stock exchanges, and current events which affect stock values.

BIG FAT DOGS ARE IN

Of thirty business ventures proposed by the Building Communities students, two will soon be open for business. Five boys have received the go ahead from "bankers" Letitia Rice and Kathleen Bigford and Principal Rick Nannicelli to operate Big Fat Dogs. The boys are now in negotiations with Great Brook Basketball Officials to sell hot dogs during Saturday games.

Also receiving plan acceptance are six girls who will operate Crescent Moon Crafts. The girls have secured parent backing for start up supplies and will sell their creations at Great Brook School.

The proposal to establish a Theater Group was deemed a poor investment risk, so the group decided to go non-profit. Jane Miller has agreed to help direct the first production.

These businesses are examples of "real life" educational ventures being undertaken by the Building Communities Team. Students are also working with the Antrim Conservation Commission to map and develop trails for the Hurlin Recreation property in Antrim Center. Others are participating in the Cornell Birdwatching research project to study bird populations, migration, and diseases.

Community members are always welcome to visit the class and/or volunteer to help.

GBS "AFTER HOURS"

Some new choices have been added to the traditional fall flag football and basketball extracurricular activities. Maggi Picard's Chess Club meets every Tuesday afternoon. Yearbook editors are hard at work gathering material for this year's publication. Look for the GBS Art Club's work around the school and in the community.

Joan Bando and Beth Frost have started GBS's first Garden/Environmental Club. Students meet weekly to design ways to beautify Great Brooks' landscape. The group has planted lilies and jonquils in the outdoor classroom and done some much needed maintenance work there.

Another unique extra curricular activity this year is Helene Newbold's Math Club. This group meets before school to explore extended learning math activities. Students get to select topics to explore in depth..

"MUSEUM" RESEARCH AVAILABLE TO THE COMMUNITY

Remember those museum field trips when you were a youngster? The long trip on the uncomfortable school bus to Boston and back for an hour in the museum? Well, Great Brook students were there in a flash!

GBS seventh graders created mini museums depicting the history, culture, traditions and stories of their communities. Past and current businesses and artisans were featured. On November 10th, seventh graders shared their two month research with other GBS classes and family members.

Seventh grade math students researched the population changes in Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, and Hancock from 1775-2015 (projected). Each class studied a different 50-60 year period. Students researched the main events taking place in the world, the United States, New Hampshire, and their town. They then created graphs to show what events influenced the population shifts. The data will be bound and distributed to the town Historical Societies in hopes it will be helpful to other researchers.

WELCOME SUE PEARSON!

Sue Pearson joins the GBS community as an aid for the seventh grade team. Sue and other GBS aids make it possible to offer a dynamic, integrated curriculum which addresses individual student's needs.

Initial feedback from a recent State Special Education Review Team recognized Great Brook School's effective programming. This team reviews schools' compliance with special education policies and procedures. Careful curriculum planning and skillful use of faculty enables GBS students with a wide variety of skills and talents to be successful within the same classroom.

DO, RE, MI...

On December 16th at 7:00 pm the public is invited to join Great Brook musicians celebrate the season with their annual December Concert. Marge Moran has been working with the Glee Club and Chorale. The GBS Band and Beginners Band will be under the direction of Jahna Moncreif. G B S singers will also be performing at Antrim's First Lighting on December 9th, Colony Mill on December 17th, and Crotched Mountain on the 10th.

STUDENT CONGRESS

Student Congress President Erin Lawless, fifth grade representatives, and advisor Dona Fairbairn traveled to Concord recently. GBS students participated in wrapping a red ribbon around the state house as part of a Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness Program. Students met Governor Jeanne Sheehan and Vice President Al Gore.

On November 4th, ten 6th, 7th and 8th grade representatives attended the "New Hampshire Teen Institute-Youth Advisory Council" conference at Pat's Peak. Student government members from across the state met to develop leadership and conflict resolution skills.

In November the Congress sponsored a school-wide turkey trot. Food collected as part of the "can goods admission fee" was donated to the food bank.

Student Congress runs a Community meeting the last school Friday of each month. The public is always welcome. The next Community Meeting will be December 17th at 1:30 pm.

BEEHIVE COMING TO GBS?

Don't panic! Those bee sting kits aren't needed yet. The Alternative Learning Room at Great Brook School is investigating building an outdoor beehive oven. This is an outgrowth of the Community Gardens Workshop held in October. The oven would be built by ALT students and available for other classes to use.

On November 3rd, the ALT room prepared snacks for their families. After stu-

dents shared their work, the families participated in a variety of team building activities.

JOBS NEEDED

Eighth graders are busy preparing for their fourth annual Washington, DC trip. Eighth grade advisor Ellen Salmonson is creating a job board listing job opportunities. If you would like to hire an eighth grader, please call the school at 588-6630 or email Mrs. Salmonson at:

<esalmonson@mail.conval.edu>.

Students are sponsoring fundraising events to provide scholarships. Students who request scholarships will "earn" the money through performing community service. If your organization has community service needs, please contact Mrs. Salmonson.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF GBS

One of the most successful programs at Great Brook School is our Student of the Month program. For the month of September there were 142 students who qualified. In October the number increased to 147!

Rick Davis, owner of Rick & Diane's Restaurant, and Karen and Craig Grimes, new owners of Wayno's Market, sponsored October's Student of the Month celebration. The Grimes provided soda while Rick led the students in a pizza tossing contest. Rick shared how proud he was to live in a community where students took pride in their work and donated community service time. Prizes and coupons were given to the best "throwers", and pizza was enjoyed by all!

We thank these two businesses for recognizing Great Brook Students' hard work.



CELTIC CELEBRATION REVIEWED

Antrim's first Scots-Irish Heritage Celebration on October 3, 1999 was carried off with barely a hitch. An estimated 1,000 people came from Cape Breton, Canada and Connecticut, U.S.A. and many points in between. They appeared to be having a good time and many said that Antrim seemed a very friendly town.

The majority of the many vendors were Celtic theme oriented. Locally, the Wool Room's booth had Scottish, Irish, Cape Breton and American traditional C.D.s and tapes plus woolies. Jay Everett sold colorful containers of honey from Antrim Bees. Food vendors had meat pies, fish and chips,

birdies, scones, and many flavors of shortbreads. Rynborns Beer Garden offered local color and beer. Donations by Waynos and other companies made it possible for Pam Caswell and her committee at our hot dog tent to make a profit. Jerry Lindsay and Kelley Collins coordinated the vendors.

The three churches opened their buildings for music and other Celtic performances. The library was very busy with lectures, two genealogical workshops and demonstrations most of the day. The harp demonstration and talk by our own Sharon Dowling had standing room only. A very resourceful and informative story/exhibit by the Historical Society, on our heritage remains on display in the upstairs room at the library.

An exhibit on linen was at the little town hall. Priscilla Parmenter from Henniker and Lorraine Carey Block from Antrim spun tales and flax. Lorraine also prepared the entire exhibit which included actual flax and many linen products. An extensive booklet on linen compiled for this Celtic celebration, "Linen in our Heritage" was done by Lorraine.

A ticket and courtesy booth was set up and manned by Kelley Collins. It was busy all day! The Maplehurst Inn hosted a sessions room where you could bring your instrument and play with the pros.

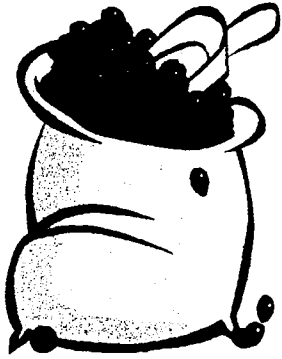
Performances included many of Antrim's own: Brendon Carey Block, 14 year-old N.H. junior fiddle champion, Mark Reynolds and Richard Block as well as many Boston based musicians contracted by Lorraine Block. The day ended with a concert by The MacKeels, sponsored by McDonalds.

A lithograph of the town hall by Nancy Haggerty was printed on post cards (still available at Town offices). The special issue one-day-only festival stamp cancellation featured the flax and fiddle logo designed by Richard and Lorraine Block. Thank you Postmaster Bill Belanger.

Our thanks to: GBS students, The Grapevine, Friends of Recreation, Antrim NEXT, Antrim Police Department, artists Hope and Faith Phillips, Paul Duggin for financial advice, Anne and Brian Hennessy, Lois Harriman, and Kathy Chisholm for chairing the entire festival.

Thanks to the Laidlaw Bus Co. for the shuttle bus and to State Senator Steve Avery who was our Master of Ceremonies.

- Lois Harriman



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- 1 Retake of GBS School Photos
- 3 Student of the Month Pancake Breakfast
ALT Room to Ethnic Restaurant in Keene
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- 11 Monadnock Chorus Christmas Concert • Peterborough • 8 PM
- 12 Monadnock Chorus Christmas Concert • Peterborough • 3 PM
- 12 Presbyterian Church Christmas Potluck Supper • 5:30 PM
- 16 Holiday Storytime with the Girl Scouts • Tuttle Library • 7 PM
- 16 GBS Concert • Public Welcome • 7 PM
- 17 GBS School Meeting • Public Welcome • 1:30 PM
- 19 Christmas Concert • Antrim Baptist Church • 6:30 PM
- 23 Town Offices Closed
- 23-Jan 2 NO SCHOOL • December break
- 30 Town Offices Closed
- 31 New Year New Millennium Celebration
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- 3 NO SCHOOL • Teacher Workshop Day
 - 7 Student of the Month Celebration
 - Basketball at Home • GBS vs South Meadow • 3:30 PM
 - Basketball at Home • GBS vs Marlborough • 3:30 PM
 - 17 NO SCHOOL • Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day
 - 25 Basketball at Home • GBS vs Kearsarge • 4:00 PM
 - 26-Feb 4 Filing time for elected Town Offices
- FEBRUARY**
- 4 Student of the Month Celebration
 - 10 Basketball at Home • GBS vs South Monadnock • 3:45 PM
 - 15 Basketball at Home • GBS vs JRMS • 3:30 PM
 - 17 Basketball at Home • GBS vs Boynton • 3:30 PM
 - 19 Washington's Birthday Dinner • Presbyterian Church • Time TBA
 - 21-25 NO SCHOOL • Winter break
 - 25 Pet Read-In • Tuttle Library • 10 AM



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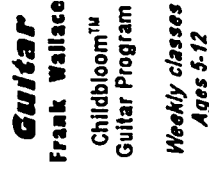
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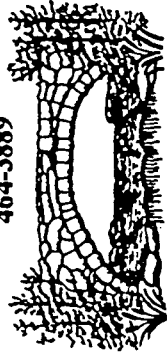
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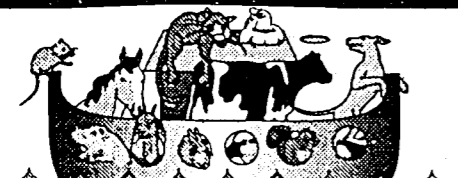
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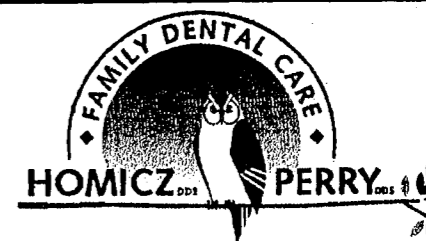
Antrim Community Calendar

JANUARY

- 3 NO SCHOOL • Teacher Workshop Day
- 7 Student of the Month Celebration
Basketball at Home • GBS vs South Meadow • 3:30 PM
- 11 Basketball at Home • GBS vs Marlborough • 3:30 PM
- 17 NO SCHOOL • Martin Luther King/Civil Rights Day
- 25 Basketball at Home • GBS vs Kearsarge • 4:00 PM
- 26-Feb 4 Filing time for elected Town Offices

FEBRUARY

- 4 Student of the Month Celebration
- 10 Basketball at Home • GBS vs South Monadnock • 3:45 PM
- 15 Basketball at Home • GBS vs JRMS • 3:30 PM
- 17 Basketball at Home • GBS vs Boynton • 3:30 PM
- 19 Washington's Birthday Dinner • Presbyterian Church • Time TBA
- 21-25 NO SCHOOL • Winter break
- 25 Pet Read-In • Tuttle Library • 10 AM



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