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**TOWN HALL REVISITED**

By Isabel B. Nichols

*Editor's Note: This article was written in 1994 for Antrim's celebration of "100 Years On Main Street." It is pertinent now because of a proposal for repairs and renovations costing over \$800,000—to be voted on at Town Meeting on March 16.*

No matter how you view it, the Town Hall is there to be noticed. Some see it as an architectural monstrosity, even more look at it purely as a place of business, and to others it's a place of memories, where events have taken place that helped to shape their lives.

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**ANTRIM FLAVORS FOR IRISH TASTES**

By Lyman Gilmore

Did you meet Brian and Irene Shields when they were here from Antrim, Northern Ireland? I crossed their paths a couple of times, once at a pleasantly crowded breakfast at the Maplehurst, and again briefly by the counter in Edmunds the afternoon before they left. My experience with the Shields was sporadic, probably like that of most of us. Since they have gone home to Ireland, I've been wondering what the visit must have been for them. Whom did they meet, what did they eat, and how did they spend their time?

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**DATES FOR VOTING**

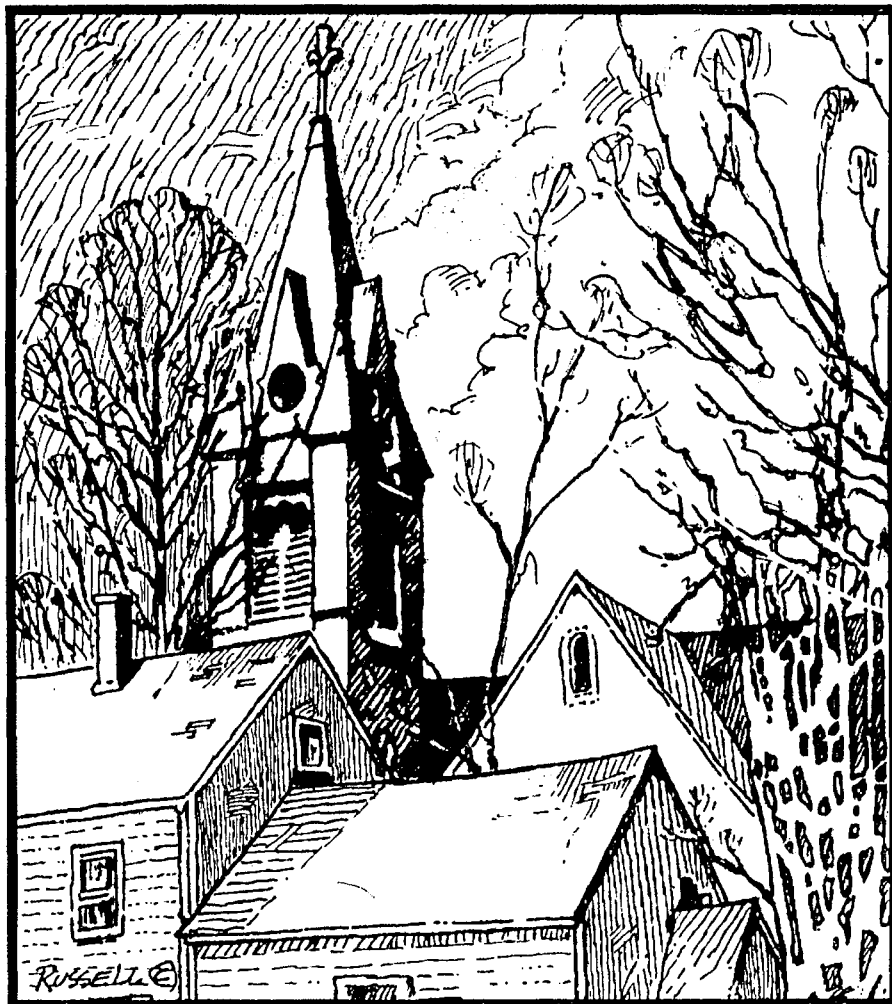
**March 14 8 AM – 7 PM Town Hall**  
Voting for Town Officers and a Zoning Ordinance amendment and Conval School District Budget and Warrant Articles that include a bond to complete the renovation of the Antrim Elementary School. (See articles on pages 2 and 3).

**March 16 7 PM Town Meeting**  
**Great Brook School Gym**  
Voting on some 21 items, many of them involving notable expenses. (See following article and page 2). ♣

**NOTABLE EXPENSES**

**TO BE VOTED ON AT TOWN MEETING**

- \$1,724,895 budgeted for Town operating costs.
- \$852,141 for reconstruction, repair and renovation of Town Hall (See article on page 5.)
- \$111,000 to be added to Town Capital Reserve including \$60,000 for a Tuttle Library future building expansion.
- \$90,000 for purchase of Touchwood Square property, the vacant lot on Main street in front of the Post Office. Options for its use would be prepared for and voted on at a future Town Meeting.
- \$78,000 for purchase of Aiken Barn property behind the Tuttle Library and Aiken House for the intended use of Library expansion. The figure includes costs for demolition of the barn. (See article on page 5.)
- The under \$50,000 category includes: Highway Dept, \$48,000 for 6-wheel dump truck, and \$30,000 for crushing and stock piling gravel; Police Dept, \$30,000 for new vehicle (money already in Police Dept reserve fund); and \$22,000 for Fire Department needs; and a variety of smaller items. ♣



*Roofs and Steeple by Russ Russell*

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### TOWN OFFICES 588-6785

Monday	8 AM – 4 PM
Tuesday	8 AM – 4 PM
Wednesday	8 AM – 4 PM
Thursday	8 AM – 4 PM
Friday	Closed

### TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Monday	8 AM – 12 Noon 6 – 8 PM
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	8 AM – 12 Noon
Thursday	8 AM – 12 Noon 1 – 4 PM
Friday	Closed

### RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	2 – 7 PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9 AM – 2 PM
Saturday	9 AM – 5 PM

## TOWN ELECTIONS and TOWN MEETING

Elections will take place this year on Tuesday, March 14. There are no contested positions. The Board of Selectmen will be saying good-bye to Denise Dargie and want to take this opportunity to thank her for her 2 years of dedicated service. An old friend of the Town, Philip Dwight will be running for the open 3-year Selectmen's term. We cannot stress enough the importance of your vote! Please make the effort to vote on Tuesday, March 14 at the Town Hall.

Town Meeting will be on Thursday, March 16 at the Great Brook School Gym at 7:00 PM. There are quite a few money issues on the warrant this year. The Board of Selectmen has carefully evaluated each warrant article individually for its merit. We understand that the taxpayers of Antrim probably cannot afford to pass each and every warrant article, but we wanted to give you the choice to vote your conscience. Town Reports should be available in our offices by Tuesday, February 29. Please feel free to call our offices if you need any further information on any of the warrant articles. We look forward to seeing you at Town Meeting on Thursday March 16.

— Board of Selectmen

## ANTRIM VOTING ON MARCH 14

- 1 Selectman @ 3 years Philip T. Dwight
- 1 Moderator @ 2 years Robert B. Flanders
- 1 Sewer/Water Commissioner @ 3 years F.J. “Nandy” Barsanti
- 2 Library Trustees @ 3 years Lyman G. Gilmore  
Constance Kirwin
- 2 Planning Board Members @ 3 years Robert Bethel  
Denise Dargie
- 2 Supervisors of Checklist-1 @ 2 years and 1 @ 6 years  
Martin Nichols and Diane Chauncey
- 1 Trustee of Trust Funds @ 3 years G. Spencer Garrett

### ARTICLE 2

Are you in favor of amending the Antrim Zoning Ordinance to delete Article IV, B, Iv. thus removing item v., “mini-warehouse/storage facilities” from the list of principal permitted use in Article IV, Village Business District.

*(Recommended by the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen)*

YES

NO

### CONVAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

- 1 Moderator @ 1 year Peter Hopkins
- 1 Budget Committee Member @ 3 years

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## **CONVAL DISTRICT VOTE ANTRIM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

The *final* vote on the school district's warrant articles, including the budget for the 2000-2001 school year and the bond to complete the renovation of Antrim Elementary School and Peterborough Elementary School will take place on March 14. *You vote here in Antrim at the Town Hall.* Polls will be open from 8 AM to 7 PM. Please get out and vote.

### **WARRANT ARTICLE NUMBER 1 IMPACTS ANTRIM CHILDREN VERY DIRECTLY**

The first article on the ballot requests approval of a \$4.25 million bond to complete renovations and expansion of Antrim Elementary School and Peterborough Elementary school. This is the final element in the upgrading of the district's middle and elementary schools. Here, in Antrim, building and renovations would begin this June, when the school closes for summer vacation. The project would include adding five new classrooms to our existing elementary school. Three would be kindergartens. It would include adding a library. (The library is currently housed in a portable classroom outside the building.) It would include the removal of temporary walls which were installed to create kindergarten space in our multi-purpose room, and the reclaiming of that space for art and music classes and for a hot lunch serving space. The proposed plan calls for the addition of office space and new small rooms to house our specialists: Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Speech and Language Teacher, Special Education Teacher. It includes the addition of a Recreation Room to be used by the town's Friends of Recreation programs.

The project would attach the existing school to the town gym which would be used for the school's physical education classes and for whole-school assemblies as well as for town needs.

The renovation of the gym would include, replacing windows with energy efficient windows, replacing the heating system, and upgrading the floor; removing unneeded shower rooms, a boiler room and small offices to expand the playing space.

Renovation of the existing elementary school building would include replacing the windows with energy efficient windows and a new electrical and HVAC system—for better heat and air quality—and a small amount of reconfiguring of space to allow

for new bathrooms, a guidance room and a teachers' room and workroom.

Outside the building, this proposal changes the school bus drop-off to an entrance on the Great Brook School side of the building to relieve some traffic congestion, while maintaining the main entrance on the current front of the building.

The Peterborough Elementary School renovation would complete a project that is at the half-way point and includes a new library, a new six-classroom wing, renovations to the existing school and new bus access. Fortunately, if this bonding is approved, the effect on district taxes would be mitigated because the middle school bond will be paid off before payments on this one begin.

### **THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

The proposed school district budget of \$27.9 million is a 3.86% increase over last year's. The board and school administration have been able to control costs but there are areas in which we believe higher expenditures are required. The following area represent almost the entire budget increase:

1. New staff at the elementary and high school levels; salary increases for administrators, secretaries and custodians; retirement payments and costs for Social Security taxes and medical insurance premiums are up a total of \$268,000.
2. The school bus contract calls for a \$188,000 increase this year.
3. We anticipate electrical and fuel costs will rise \$78,000 in the coming year.
4. Legal fees, books and supplies and computer hardware and software will be up \$159,000.
5. Bond payments for previous construction and renovations will rise \$411,000.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT WARRANT ARTICLES**

1. The teacher salary contract provides a 2.5% overall increase in salaries, a step increase, and adjustments to Social Security, health insurance, and retirement contributions. The overall increase in these accounts would be 4.15%.
2. The completion of a five year plan to upgrade technology in the district's schools requires \$100,000. Of that amount \$85,000 will be spent on new technology at the Peterborough and Antrim elementary schools, to make their resources comparable with those at the other schools.

The building committees in Antrim and Peterborough have given careful consideration to their requests for a bond to improve their elementary schools. The school board and district administration have given countless hours to developing a budget that is fiscally sound and assures quality education in our district. We hope you will support our efforts.

— Jane Miller  
Antrim Representative  
Conval School Board



## **ANTRIM POLICE DOMESTIC ABUSE IN ANTRIM**

One of the most troubling problems of any community is Domestic Abuse. Recent publicity has brought this problem to the forefront and laws have been improved to help the victims deal with this terrible problem. Unfortunately the town of Antrim is not immune to these family situations. As in any community we need to work together to identify those who need our help and to seek out the assistance they so desperately need.

As of January 1, 2000, the Domestic Violence Law (RSA 173-B) has been revised in several different areas to attempt to better deal with the various abuse situations. It now has a wider range of individuals who qualify for the restraining orders. It also directs the Police to take action while serving the orders and securing a safe environment for the victim.

Women's Crisis Services of the Monadnock Region located in Keene and available by phone at 352-3782 or 924-6905, are an excellent source for non-judgmental advice, information on resources that are available and access to support groups as well as temporary housing if needed.

The NH Bar Association has a lawyer referral service at 1-800-639-5290.

The Antrim Police are available to assist at any time, to talk about the problem or to assist in locating the proper help for that situation so a safe life style can be obtained for every member of this community. Imagine yourself in that type of situation and how tragic it is; the whole family becomes the victim. As member of this community, we can make a giant difference in a family's life if we don't ignore that abuse happens here.

Listen to our children and to our neighbors. Together we can make a difference.

— Brian A. Brown  
Chief, Antrim Police

## Town Hall Revisited *continued*

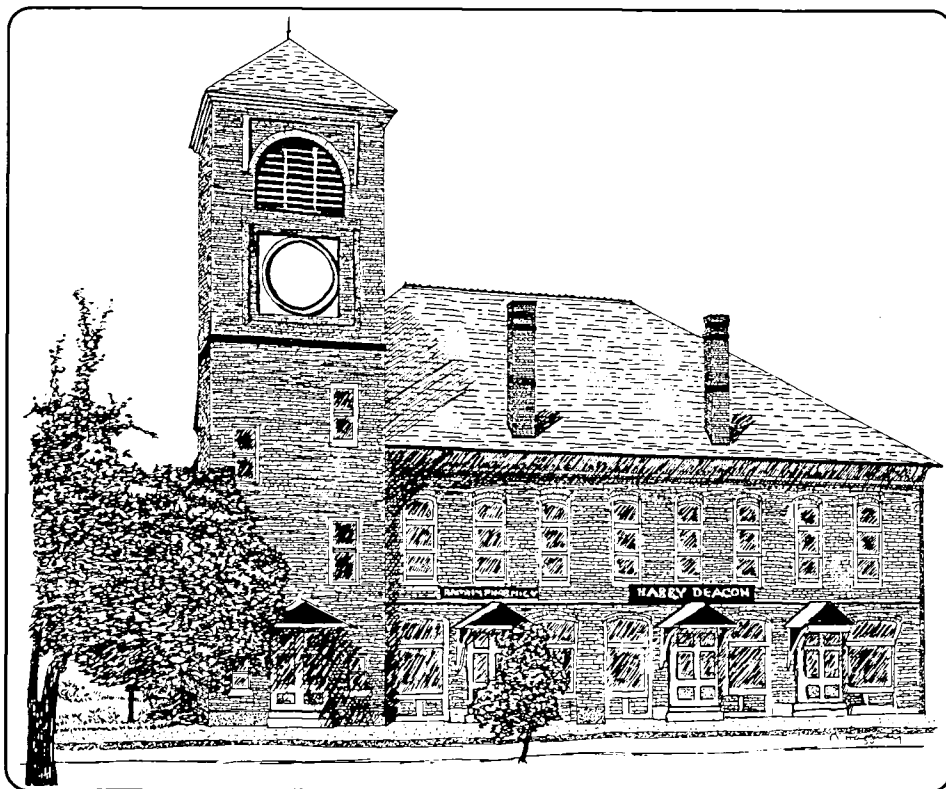
For over one hundred years, the building has dominated downtown Antrim not only in size but in service to the community. But it didn't come easily. Defeated at Town Meeting in 1892, the proposal to build in the southeast corner of town set off a flurry of arguments for and against. Residents of North Branch and the Center wanted town business to be conducted in a central location, as it has always been done; those living in the more densely populated South Village wanted a place to vote and hold town meetings where the rest of the action was. The South won this war in 1893, and a committee of six, including the selectmen was handed the job of organizing a monumental project: to find a site, build a new Town Hall, and come up with funds to pay for it.

In March of 1894, the townspeople dedicated the magnificent new building with great fanfare. The building, coming in at just under \$16,000, held not only offices in which to conduct town affairs, but space for three businesses as well, whose rent went towards paying off the debt. The first occupants of the ground floor were a dry goods store, a drugstore, and the U.S. Postal Office. Changes occurred over the century, with replacements including the Public Service Company and a meat market. The Post Office called the Town Hall home until 1990 and now the first floor is occupied entirely by town government, including the police department. How forward-looking were the building planners, providing for the town's needs a hundred years away.

The second floor auditorium was state-of-the-art at the time it was built, with a foyer and ladies' room (men were required to use the basement for like emergencies) and a stage with drop curtains and four sets of scenery. The shape and substance of the hall provided admirable acoustics, and the audience seating capacity was 600, including the balcony.

Although the primary purpose of the hall was a meeting place, entertainments were a close second in the planners' minds. A local minister expressed the opinion that such a well-appointed hall would attract sword-swallowers and ladies in tights, a nuisance rather than a benefit to the town (in his opinion).

While theatrical enterprises have continued to thrive on the Town Hall stage, many divergent uses have been found for the hall over the years. Consider the Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association's first annual



*Illustration by Nancy Haggarty*

show in 1908. One wonders about the state of the floor after that event. The Garden Club's flower shows in the 1930s must have resulted in much spilled water, and the pie-throwing games at Chamber of Commerce bazaars surely decorated the walls in good fashion.

But by far the most life-threatening (to the whole Town Hall, that is) activity was basketball. For fifty years this sport, popular with boys and girls alike, was practiced upstairs from October through March. Patrons enjoying an ice cream soda in the drugstore below would watch the light fixtures tremble and wonder if it was an earthquake. Long-suffering postal workers undoubtedly contributed generously toward the building of the community gym in 1953!

Antrim High School's first graduation in 1895 was held in the new Town Hall, and every subsequent June through 1966 saw a full house of families and friends as the proud seniors marched to the stage and received their diplomas. This tradition was interrupted for only three years in the 1950s when the original auditorium seats finally began to give out and graduation was held across the street in the Presbyterian Church. Pressure was brought to bear by the Antrim Players, and new metal seats were purchased in time for the ceremony in 1959.

Imagine the excitement that must have been generated by the town fathers' decision in 1913 to allow "movies" to be shown. A projection room, enclosed in asbestos to comply with fire insurance regulations, was installed in the balcony, and on Wednesday nights the Town Hall became the "Dreamland Theatre". This popular pastime continued intermittently well after the advent of the "talkies", when real movie theatres began to appear in neighboring towns.

Masquerade balls and junior proms, well-baby clinics, tap-dancing lessons, illustrated lectures—all these events and more have been held in the Town Hall during the past century, contributing to the good life as we have known it in Antrim.

When it became mandatory to make public buildings accessible to the handicapped, a committee was appointed to study the future of the Town Hall: whether to reconstruct the old, or build anew. The solution finally was a new entrance, level with the sidewalk, with a ramp to the ground floor offices to comply with the law...all of which we now enjoy.

For the time being, performances in the upper hall can be attended only by climbing the stairs; perhaps an elevator is in store for the second century. Meanwhile the sturdy old building continues to play an important part in community life. ♣

## ANTRIM TOWN HALL RESTORATION A COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee has continued its meetings in preparation for the bond issue meeting on February 17 and for Town Meeting on March 16. The meetings, open to the public, have focused on revising the scope of work, estimated costs and consideration of several bond-financing programs. The estimated cost to renovate and restore the Antrim Town Hall is \$852,141 inclusive of a 10% contingency allowance.

The suggested financing method for the full amount was via a bond issue financed over a 10-year repayment term. Assuming a net interest cost of 5.496%, the estimated increase to the 1999 tax rate would be \$1.49 per thousand in year one and declining each year through year ten when the impact would drop to 98 cents per thousand. The estimated interest expense for the assumed 10-year period would be \$260,251.

The community is reminded that at last year's Town Meeting it was voted that a committee would be assembled to determine the current physical condition of the Town Hall building, any violations that needed to be cured as they pertain to life safety issues and to present its recommendation at Antrim's Year 2000 Town Meeting. The result of this on-going review effort has led the Committee to estimate the cost to restore the building, improve its functionality, enhance its aesthetic appearance and cure all life safety issues to be \$852,141. The Committee feels that the Town Hall would then become a viable building for many, many year to come. The scope of work includes all the required improvements to the second floor auditorium so that it can be used for approved town functions.

At the coming town meeting, this article will be thoroughly discussed. The Committee, architect and construction consultant will be available to address questions and concerns from attending residents.

Residents are encouraged to attend town meeting and hear the presentation to ensure all questions are answered before voting on the article. This is a major financial undertaking but the town hall is the focal pint of Main Street and a building that will continue to enhance Antrim's downtown viability.

The Committee consists of Bill Nichols-Chairman, Bruce Cuddihy, Tom Davis, David Boulé, Nina Harding and Bob Edwards. ♣

## LIBRARY EXPANSION WARRANT ARTICLE 8

You have been asking for it now is your chance to get it! Warrant Article 8, proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Tuttle Library and supported and recommended by the Board of Selectmen, is our *last chance* to acquire land on which to expand the Library. The Aiken Barn/Jackson property behind the Library will allow the planned expansion of the Library to be sited in an Easterly direction with increased parking and improved traffic flow onto Aiken Street.

For seven years, since the formation of a Long Range Planning Committee in 1993, the Board of Trustees have been working on community input, preliminary plans for the building, funding strategy and a timeline to completion of the expansion project.

The proposed expansion of the Library will double the floor space providing a designated childrens' room, additional stack room, enlarged public use computer area, space for our audio-visual collection, "quiet rooms" for reading and research, wheelchair accessibility (including an elevator) to *all* floors in the Library, improvements to the Historical Room on the second floor, and sufficient off-street parking.

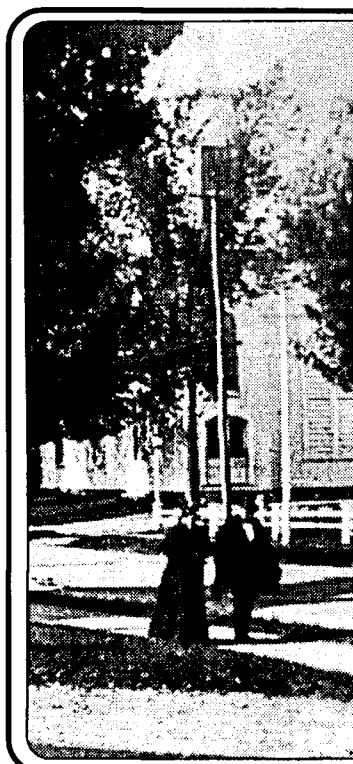
We know you use the Tuttle Library. The numbers tell it all. We installed a public use computer last year with internet access, and the number of people using it has grown to 295 patrons during 1999.

We have increased our programming for adults and children because you have shown your support and asked for more, from the Planetarium Night Sky show to the famous storyteller Odds Bodkin.

Antrim should also be proud of the fact that in a survey of 35 area towns, we ranked 4th in circulation per capita. We all really do like to read!

We can move into the 21st Century with your support of Warrant Article 8 and the expansion of the Tuttle Library.

— Connie Kirwin/Chairman  
Tuttle Library Board of Trustees



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It was dedicated, hard working Brian Hennessy, of course, who made most of the arrangements for their trip, created their schedule, and was primary host and guide during their stay. But other Antrimites played significant parts in the drama, and I had no idea of their performances before I began preparing this article.

It all began one night nearly two years ago when Jane Forrestal was casually surfing the web on her computer and, without much thought, typed in the work "ANTRIM". She says she wasn't sure why she did this or what she was expecting, but what came up on her screen was the ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL, ANTRIM NORTHERN IRELAND, and the contact name there, Brian Hennessy. Jane knew that our Brian Hennessy—same spelling—was interested in our sister town in Ireland, so she gave him a call about the curious and unexpected results of her web search and the coincidence of two Brian Hennessys, and she sent an e-mail to the Antrim Borough Council telling them of her discovery. Our Brian Hennessy took it from there, and the rest is history.

Of all the things Irene and Brian Shields did here, perhaps the most basic level on which they experienced Antrim is the food they ate. What American flavors did they carry home with them?

Days always began with breakfast at the Maplehurst Inn. (Their hosts, Leslie and Steve Crowell, and family—Heidi, Steven, Jennifer, Coleen, and Patrick—donated their lodging and breakfasts.) Leslie says she thought of cooking classic Irish breakfasts (delicious but deadly to arteries) of bacon, eggs, black and white sausages, ham, porridge, and scones, but came to realize that something lighter might be better. So their first day in Antrim began as did the rest, with fresh fruit, cereals, and Leslie's home-made muffins, at the big breakfast welcome party at the Maplehurst. The day ended at the Rynborn with Chef Leah's delicious baked scrod, potato, and salad.

The next morning was Sunday, and Nina Harding brought Irene and Brian to the Presbyterian Church for services and coffee hour which included an array of pastries from parishioner kitchens. That afternoon, at the reception sponsored by David Essex and the Arts and Business Council in the Town Hall, the Shields got a taste very foreign to their Irish menu. In addition to fruit and Nina's homemade cookies, Brian Hennessy brought from Hillsboro a mess of Dunkin Donut Munchkin donut holes, something Irene and Brian had never before seen. Sunday evening they dined at the home of Kristin and John Vance and baby Jack. Kristin says that since John is a gourmet chef, he does most of the cooking. For the Shields he prepared roast free-range chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and red onions. After dinner Irene and Brian gave the Vances a map of Ireland and took them for an Irish tour in their living room.

For lunch Monday at Peterborough's Twelve Pine Restaurant, the Shields said they wanted to try stuffed potato jackets, but none were available so they settled for exotic pizza instead. Monday night, Karen and Andy Paul, with daughters Sarah and Liza, served wonderful Antrim lamb grown by Richard and Lorraine Cary Block on Loveren Mill Road. The Shields explained that this was a special treat because, although sheep are everywhere in Northern Ireland, the Chernobyl nuclear accident several years ago so contaminated the area that local lamb is too toxic to eat.

Mid morning on Tuesday the Shields were welcomed by Carolyn Gilmore and the rest of the staff at the Grapevine where they learned about the program and snacked on bagels. Lunchtime found them at the Antrim Elementary School dining in Debi Morse's first grade room at the very American "Super Salad Bar," which, as Kathi Wasserloos explained, is created from time to time by staff members who bring in all sorts of delectable dishes. That evening they dipped even further into American cuisine with turkey grinders at Rick and Diane's, prepared and donated by owner-chef Rick Davis.

Leslie Crowell describes how sweet the Shields were to talk with the many local people who came by the Inn to meet them, sometimes in the evening, sometimes early in the morning. It was a very busy time for them and when I think of the schedule of their visit I'd not be surprised if they were exhausted when they got back.



*Everyone agrees that the Shields' visit was wonderfully memorable, and that Brian Hennessy deserves a huge collective thanks for successfully bringing together the people of the old and the new Antrims. For his part, Brian Hennessy expresses profound gratitude for the many Antrimites who helped welcome the Shields, and the warm spirit with which they did so.*

## OUR IRISH VISITOR'S SCHEDULE

### Friday Jan 14

- 8 PM Irene and Brian Shields arrive Boston Logan Airport
- 9:45 PM Arrive Antrim, Maplehurst Inn

### Sat Jan 15

- 8 AM Rev. Palmer has Presbyterian Church bell rung to welcome Shields to Antrim
- 8:30 AM Breakfast at Maplehurst Inn with about 50 Antrim resident guests. Welcoming and thank-you speeches as well as exchanges of gifts
- 1:00 PM Shields interview with Union Leader
- 2:00 PM Tour of local historical sites lead by Eric Tenney with Brian Hennessy driving (Stone Bridge on Route 9, Pierce Lake, Meeting House Hill Cemetery, the Grange, Gregg Lake, Elm Street Cemetery, the "Over East" cemetery, the view of Mount Monadnock from the Elm Street hill just past Wayno's house)
- 4:00 PM Tour of Crotched Mountain Rehabilitation Center and Greenfield
- 6:00 PM Dinner at the Rynborn with Anne and Brian Hennessy
- 8:00 PM Walk after dinner and back to Inn

### Sun Jan 16

- 10:30 AM Nina Harding takes Shields to services at Presbyterian Church followed by coffee hour
- 2-4 PM Reception at Town Hall with about 70 people
- 6:30 PM Dinner at home of Kristin and John Vance
- 10:00 PM Back to the Maplehurst Inn

### Mon Jan 17

- 8:30 AM Breakfast at Maplehurst Inn with Hennessys
- 10:00 AM Interview with Marsha Morrow: Monadnock Ledger
- 11:15 AM Tour of Monadnock Region with Brian and Anne Hennessy (Bennington, Hancock, Peterborough, Temple Mountain Ski Area, Dublin)
- 1:00 PM Lunch at Twelve Pine Street Restaurant in Peterborough
- 2:00 PM Jaffrey, Jaffrey Center, Monadnock State Park
- 4:00 PM Return to Maplehurst Inn
- 6:00 PM Dinner with Karen and Andy Paul

### Tues Jan 18

- 8:30 AM Breakfast with Brian Hennessy to discuss schedule
- 9:30 AM Visit to Grapevine (Giff Russell driver)
- 11:30 AM Antrim Elementary School for lunch with children and teachers
- 12:30 PM Great Brook School; meet with children
- 2:00 PM Giff and Russ Russell's home
- 3:30 PM Anne and Brian Hennessy at the Wool Room
- 5:30 PM Back to the Maplehurst Inn
- 6:00 PM Rick and Diane's Restaurant for light supper
- 8:00 PM Farewell at Maplehurst Inn with Eric Tenney

### Wed Jan 19

- 10 AM Farewell with Leslie Crowell at Inn
- 11:00 AM Limousine to Boston hotel with Brian Hennessy

Thurs Jan 20 All Day touring Boston with Brian Hennessy

### Fri Jan 21 Touring Boston

- 8:20 PM Fly home to Ireland

## STATE HOUSE REPORT

Representative Richard Herman

It's maple sugaring season and time to take another look at goings on at the State House.

The state "treasury taps" are mounted, but the sap supply I'm afraid is limited given the fact that the current budget has a shortfall of 30 million dollars. You surely remember that we passed a stopgap bill early this autumn to partially fund education and avert a crisis of school closings. The crisis has been averted, but here we are now with inadequate funds for 2000 and still no sensible tax formula yet to meet our needs.

One positive step forward on the educational funding front is passage in the Senate of two bills which if passed by the House would put two important constitutional questions on the November ballot: (1) If an income tax were enacted, could all the revenue generated be dedicated to education only, and (2) Should the issue of educational funding be taken away entirely from the court and be the sole responsibility of the legislature?

Regarding the income tax question, I think it's a good idea to ask the public whether they support an educational funding plan that dedicates the funds to education only. This is the position I have favored consistently since being elected as a state Representative and still believe it's the fairest and most equitable tax plan out there, does generate the needed revenue and would reduce our local property tax bills to zero. Remember, it's based on your ability to pay rather than what you own.

Voting on taking the court out of the school funding issue I believe is a good idea too, if only to settle the question once and for all. I don't believe it would be constructive or move the State forward on educational funding if the court was removed from the process because the problem would be left to languish in the legislature for another thirty years without finding a solution. The court's role has always been to interpret the constitution and advise the legislature on its legal responsibility to the public, not to create legislation. In short, I don't believe there's a need to change the constitution and don't believe there would be a large enough majority to bring it about anyway.

The state is set for an important autumn election, not only nationally but in the state and local arenas as well!

Moving on to HB 239. A fascinating debate has surrounded a controversial effort on behalf of farmers who would like to raise industrial hemp as a niche agricultural crop. Unfortunately for our farmers, the hemp plant is in the same family as marijuana and there-

fore highly suspect by police who would have to survey the scene to be certain only the legal variety was being grown. If passed, the bill would provide an opportunity for farmers to apply to the state and federal government for permission to grow hemp, under the watchful eye of the DEA.

The curious part of the hemp debate is that expert witnesses were brought to hearings and assured committee members that the morphology of the industrial hemp plant is similar to marijuana only at the earliest stages of growth (as seedlings) and therefore a safe and manageable crop for New Hampshire. The experts also explained that hemp contains only the smallest traces of THC compared to marijuana, and is therefore useless as a drug.

By wide margins, the committees recommended passage of HB 239, but it failed in the House by more than forty votes! It was unusual for a bill to be soundly defeated with that sort of committee support. The main reason, as I understand it, is that the law enforcement community fears the wrong message would be sent to young people regarding marijuana and that legal growing of industrial hemp would be too difficult to regulate. Based on the outstanding research and testimony presented, I think the opposition was wrong to defeat this bill. It was sent back for more study, so its head will be rearing up again and perhaps the outcome will be different. I supported the bill.

By the way, we learned that industrial hemp is worth 4-5 times more per acre to the farmer than many other crops and that the multi million dollar industry is huge and growing fast. Hemp has been grown for thousands of years around the world and is used for making clothing, footwear, rope and many valuable building products. Several states plus Canada have recently passed similar legislation.

Another piece of legislation, HB 1441, with great promise has originated in Hillsboro and is also on its way through committee and should be on the floor for a vote later this session. It's a Welfare-to-Work bill based on the tremendously successful effort in our local community, a program called Project Four, inspired by Rev. Greg Lull from Washington, and developed together with numerous local folks who have put their shoulders to the wheel and made it happen. Congratulations on an outstanding piece of work. This bill is only at committee study stage now but is hoped by its sponsors, Reps Hansen, French and Herman, that if passed will serve as a model and inspiration for similar programs around the state.

The last bill to be mentioned here is the motorcycle helmet law, HB 1458, which has also stirred up a lot of emotions. I've heard from about two dozen people who are strongly opposed to a helmet law and about eight people in favor. If you are interested in this issue and feel strongly, please let me know.

So the wheels keep turning, slowly, and some good work is being accomplished. There are dozens of important bills moving through the system and many will be voted into law this session. If you are interested or you want to give or hear testimony in Concord, check out the NH legislative website and see where/when things are happening.

I'm always glad to hear from you, so write, call or e-mail me at: 603-478-3166 or RR 2 Box 165, Hillsboro, NH 03244 or richard@interlocken.org ♣

## PlanNH Publishes ANTRIM CHARRETTE REPORT

Antrim's charrette report has arrived. The 20-page booklet distills the recommendations and plans prepared during last year's PlanNH charrette, a two-day brainstorming session where residents joined 17 planners, architects, engineers, and landscape designers in formulating ideas to improve Main Street and renovate the former Goodell buildings.

Copies of the report may be viewed at the Tuttle Library and the Town Hall.

The spiral-bound, wide-format report has a black-and-white photograph of Main Street (circa 1905) on its cover, with color photographs of the charrette events and key downtown properties inside. There are also architectural drawings showing proposed sidewalk modifications, street lights, and tree planting for beautifying Main Street. In addition, the report explains the charrette team's two recommendations for the Goodell property, including one that involves demolishing the wooden portions of the front building to make room for much-needed parking. All plans include cost estimates.

For consideration at this year's Town Meeting, the town's Economic Development Advisory Committee has proposed a Downtown Antrim Tax Increment Finance District for carrying out most of the infrastructure improvements recommended by the charrette team. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in early spring to present the report and discuss its implications. The report will also be used in public and private efforts to renovate the Goodell property. ♣





# ABOUT TOWN

## JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 2172

Our troop would like to express our appreciation to the Antrim American Legion and Odd Fellows. We now have a new home for our meetings thanks to the support of these gracious gentlemen.

Our Boston overnight trip was a grand success. It was wonderful fun to experience Boston Children's Museum and to meet 219 other Junior Girl Scouts from four other councils. A special thanks to all adult volunteers who made this trip possible.

We started off the new year with a spectacular Millennium Investiture/Rededication Ceremony. Each member received a commemorative Girl Scout 2000 membership pin.

Look for our cookie booth sale at Town Meeting on March 16. This is your chance to stock up on your favorite cookies. Our troop plans to use the proceeds from our cookie sales to attend a Laura Wilder Weekend.

Our plans for the spring include: an Easter Egg Hunt in April as part of our community service project. We will be hosting a Mother/Daughter Tea in honor of Mother's Day in May. On May 6 at 4:30 our troop will be performing a puppet show at the Tuttle Library. Please look for more information on these and other events.

*Girl Scouts Where Girls Grow Strong*

## Did you know that...

The "Did you know that..." column is having a sabbatical until our next issue. Remarkably, it has not missed an issue since its inception in June 1994 and in the process has featured some 144 Antrim entrepreneurs. The LIMRIK is grateful to Gloria Schacht for having created the column six years ago and, issue after issue, portrayed the many diversified services offered by Antrim individuals. Entrepreneurs who wish to be featured in the June issue may call Gloria Schacht at 588-6338. ♣

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

A review of Celebrations, Parades and Promenades in Antrim's history is the subject of the current Antrim Historical Society's exhibit at the Tuttle Library. Among some events of the past that many of us may remember, this exhibit reviews, the Sesquicentennial, Bicentennial, Main Street celebrations and the most recent First Night activities planned by the Antrim Millennium Committee. Some First Night photos are on view. Can you recognize some of the midnight bell ringers? The Millennium souvenirs on exhibit may be purchased at some local stores.

This display has been prepared by Maddie Brzozowski and Gif Russell and will be on view until mid-May. The next exhibit will cover the Military and those who served from Antrim in all the wars/conflicts in our history. It will be ready before Memorial Day. ♣

## DAISY TROOP 946

Antrim's littlest Girl Scouts recently celebrated the completion of their first Try-It badge with a fancy Tea Party at the Maplehurst Inn. The girls were served their choice of tea and hot chocolate and a selection of cookies by Innkeeper Leslie Crowell.

The girls had a grand time, practicing the skills they had learned while earning their Manners Try-It badge, which they will receive at their year-end ceremony in May. The troop also welcomed a new member, Haley Cook of Bennington, with a special investiture ceremony before the tea.

Troop 946 plans to work on one more Try-It badge this spring while celebrating Girl Scout week and Thinking Day. You may see these kindergarteners around town on a field trip or planting flowers at Memorial Park as a service project, or marching in the Memorial Day parade. Whenever you do, please be sure to wave to the girls in Daisy blue!

For more information about Girl Scouts or Daisy Troop 946, please call Kristy Boulé at 588-2939. ♣

## FUN WITH FIBER...

Are you aware that Antrim hosts a "Fun with Fiber" angora 4-H club? We currently have 8 members from Wilton, Greenfield, Antrim and Peterborough. This fall we learned the basics of how to care for Angora goats and rabbits. Did you know that the United States is the second largest producer of Mohair (Angora Goat) in the world? Recently we had sessions on how to use the Angora fiber to make functional clothing. With the help of Denise Cutter, we created one-of-a-kind felted hats made with a blend of Mohair, Angora (rabbit) and wool. You can see us at 4-H County Activities Day on March 18 at Milford Junior High School. Our goals are to have clothing to show in a creative competition at the Hillsborough County Fair in September.

—Mary Sawich

## LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Antrim-Bennington Lions Club would like to thank everyone who purchased a Christmas Tree from us during our annual tree sales in December. We are pleased to report that we made \$999 from the sale of 100 trees. The monies raised from the tree sale help, in part, with the Operation Santa Project in town as well as help provide eye-sight assistance to members of our community. A special thank you to Tenney Farm for once again providing us a spot in which to sell the trees as well as assisting us in the sales. We would also like to thank David Boulé and the Antrim Lumber Company for their support. ♣

## WOMAN'S CLUB

Meetings of the Woman's Club are held monthly on the second Tuesday at the Baptist Church. Special speakers are invited to share their expertise with Club members. This schedule continues through May. If you are interested in becoming a member or would like further information, please contact: Martha Brown, President; Pat Couture, Vice President; Virginia Young, Secretary; or Suzanne Taylor, Treasurer. ♣





## CHURCH NEWS



**Antrim Presbyterian Church**  
588-2209  
Pastor Richard Palmer

### Sunday Schedule

Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Holy Communion takes place on the first Sunday of each month.  
(child care available for 4-year-olds and under)  
K-12 Sunday School 10:30 AM  
Bible Study 6:30-7:30 PM  
AA Meeting 7:00 PM

**April 16** Palm Sunday 10:30 AM

**April 20** Maundy Thursday  
Communion 6:30-7:00 PM

**April 23** Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM  
Easter Worship 10:30 AM

**May 6** Annual May Breakfast

### 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  
(Nursery and junior church provided)

**Lenten Luncheons** 12 Noon-1:00 PM  
Antrim-Bennington Churches sponsor brown-bag lunch and Bible study on **March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5, and April 12**

**April 16** Palm Sunday 10:30 AM

**April 20** Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:00 PM

**April 23** Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 AM  
Easter Service 10:30 AM

Community Food Pantry Open Saturdays  
10:00 AM-12 Noon

**Saint Patrick Church**  
588-2180

Rev. Andre L. Bedard

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:15 PM  
Sunday 8 & 10:00 AM  
Mon-Tues-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

**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

## BROWNIE TROOP 2129

The girls in the troop have been joined by three new members since we started this year. We welcome Melanie, Zadie, and Cierra.

We participated in Winterfest X with a table sale. We sold notecards, notebooks, bookmarks, and jewelry all made by the troop. It was a great experience in salesmanship.

Speaking of sales, our cookie count is in and thank you to all in the community who helped make this year's sale a great success! The girls are already planning ways to spend the proceeds.

Field trips to the Manchester Science Center and the seacoast are in the works.

We have all earned our try-it badges that help the girls work out conflicts with their peers. The girls learned a lot about cooperation and compromise.

We are currently working on a special outing to treat our sister scouts in Daisy Troop 946. The girls want to share their Brownie experience with the girls who will be joining Brownies next year.

Some of the girls attended the Junior Troop Investiture. This was a great opportunity for the 3rd grade girls who will be flying to Junior Scouts in the spring.

A big thank-you to all who help and support us.

—Darlene Fox

## MILLENNIUM FESTIVITIES

The Antrim Millennium Committee, fresh from hosting a very successful First Night at Great Brook School, is now busy planning Antrim's Millennium Parade and Weekend scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13. The Committee, charged by the Town to plan and oversee the town-wide celebration of the Millennium throughout the Millennial Year, is hoping to offer a wide variety of recreation and activities for all ages throughout the Town that weekend. The Committee is asking all of Antrim's citizens, businesses and civic groups to participate in the fun and to help make the weekend a resounding success.

Clowns, bands, floats, antique cars, and fire engines are all scheduled to be part of the Parade, which will start off the weekend's festivities at 10:00 AM Saturday morning, August 12. For those who wish to start planning their floats now, the theme of the Parade is "Preserving the Past While Pursuing the Future". After the parade, the Temple Band will perform at the Bandstand. Other activities being discussed for Saturday include tennis tournaments and miniature golf, three-legged races, egg tosses, dunking booths and other "old-fashioned" games, magician and clown performances at the Bandstand, an auction and silent auction, garden tours, and a Church Breakfast and Church Supper, as well as a Firemen's Muster. There will also be local vendors selling their wares and refreshments throughout the day. In the evening, the Committee hopes to have the Antrim Players reprise their wildly successful production of "Noises Off".

Sunday, August 13, is Lake Day, a day that will be filled with water games, pontoon rides, historic lake rides, conservation hikes and other outdoor activities. All afternoon Barbecue and Ice Cream Social will provide hearty sustenance for those in attendance. In the evening, the Committee hopes to host live music by local performers and then to cap the weekend with fireworks over the Lake.

These many activities will require much planning and preparation and the Committee needs volunteers to help make the weekend a success. All interested in volunteering to help, to sponsor an activity, to be a vendor or to be involved in any other of the weekend's festivities are asked to contact Sarah Edwards at 588-6861. ♣



**LIBRARY PARKING**

You may have noticed a new driveway behind the library connecting the Library's parking lot with a parking area behind the Aiken Barn (present home of The Grapevine). This area is available for additional library parking with an exit onto Aiken Street.

**ADOPT-A-BOOK PROGRAM**

Many thanks to all those who purchased books for the library for our Adopt-A-Book program. This year we were able to buy 14 children's books through your generosity.

**TAX HELP!**

Free tax help, available to everyone, by Volunteer Income Tax Assistance is offered every Saturday (March-April 8) from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. *NOTE:* Tax forms are also available at the library.

**BOOK DISPLAYS**

- March Women Fiction Writers
- April New Hampshire Poets (Poetry Month)
- May Birds of Prey

**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.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

Mon & Wed ..... 2-6:00 PM  
 Tues & Thurs ..... 2-8:00 PM  
 Friday ..... 9:00 AM-12 Noon  
 Saturday ..... 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

**PROGRAMS**

- Preschool Storytime every Friday at 9:30 AM
- March 8 Performance by Rebecca Rule, storysmith and humorist for adults at 7:00 PM.
- April Poetry Challenge open to all ages.
- April 28 Poets' Tea
- May 6 Puppet Show at 4:30 PM performed by Junior Girl Scout Troop 2172.
- Encore performance by Odds Bodkin in June. Details TBA. Kickoff for the Library's annual Summer Reading Program.

**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.

**NEW ADULT BOOKS: MYSTERIES**

*Connelly* VOID MOON; *Highsmith* THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY; *Hillerman* HUNTING BADGER; *Krentz* SOFT FOCUS; *McBain* THE LAST DANCE; *Perry* THE TWISTED ROOT; *S. White* COLD CASE; *Sparks* A WALK TO REMEMBER

**FICTION**

*Rita Mae Brown* OUTFOXED; *Coonts* CUBA; *Grisham* THE BRETHERN; *Jonathan Kellerman* MONSTER; *King* THE GREEN MILE; *Koontz* FALSE MEMORY; *Jacques* THE LEGEND OF LUKE (Redwall series)

**NON FICTION**

*Abom* TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE; *Brokaw* THE GREATEST GENERATION SPEAKS; *Cahill* DESIRE OF THE EVERLASTING HILLS; *Kindlon* RAISING CAIN; *John McCain* FAITH OF MY FATHERS; *Frank McCourt* 'TIS; *Pelzer* A MAN NAMED DAVE; *Poundstone* CARL SAGAN; *Raban* PASSAGE TO JUNEAU

**SERVICES**

Did you know that we offer the following services:

- Genealogy assistance
- Income Tax forms
- Interlibrary Loan
- Internet Access
- Meeting Room
- Monthly theme book displays
- Photocopying
- Programs for adults and children
- Reader Advisory
- School visits during non-open hours
- Phone-in renewals
- Multiple copy interlibrary loan for book groups

**OUR COLLECTION**

- Antrim histories (including the Hurlin books of house histories)
- NH histories
- Best sellers
- Books on tape
- Music CDs
- Current magazines
- Large print books
- Town and School District reports
- Videos

Since April '99 the Planning Board, assisted by the Southwest Regional Planning Commission, have prepared drafts of the Community Facilities, Economic Analysis, Traffic and Transportation, Construction Materials, and Land Use sections for updating the Antrim Master Plan. These sections will be reviewed and edited as soon as possible.

The Conservation Commission is preparing the Conservation section, due to be completed in April.

The remaining section has to do with the plans for Antrim's future. This will require public participation so that the Master Plan will reflect the direction Antrim will take in the future as expressed by the residents. Watch the local papers for an announcement of the time for a meeting, expected some time in April, for people to express their thoughts and wishes for Antrim's future.

—Ed Rowehl  
Chairman  
Antrim Planning Board

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

**MENTORS FOR CHILDREN**

Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Monadnock Region, Inc. is a nonprofit United Way Agency that provides mentors for children and youth (ages 6-13) who may benefit from having an additional caring adult role model in their lives.

Big Brothers and Sisters share themselves, their time, and their interests with children/youth and encourage positive change by having fun together, sharing hobbies, experiences, and feelings.

If you are interested in working with a child and would like additional information about our program, please give us a call! If you have a particular interest and would like to volunteer in some other capacity, we would be very grateful for your support. Call us in Keene at 352-9536. ♣



## ST. PAT'S AT THE MAPLEHURST INN

### A 9TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friday, March 17th, is St. Patrick's Day as well as Leslie and Steve Crowell's 9th anniversary as owners of the Maplehurst Inn. Leslie is celebrating by offering a buffet menu of corn beef and cabbage (an alternative is offered for non-beef eaters) as she has every St. Pat's Day.

Dinner will be served from 6 until closing. Dress to commemorate the day, if you wish. ♣

## BROWNIE TROOP 2125

The troop rang in the New Year by celebrating Girl Scout traditions around the world. We broke a piñata, made fish kites and played games from around the world. We are also starting correspondence with the Brownie Troop in Antrim, Ireland! Thanks to all who supported our troop through cookie sales. We sold 1,000 boxes—great job, girls! February has already been packed with activities to remember women in aerospace. Kitty Swan (space expert and 6th grade teacher) joined us for an overnight of space exploration. The girls enjoyed playing in a kid-sized model of a lunar module. They completed their "Space Explore Try-It badge", performing a snowshoe in the woods. Thanks so much to Kitty Swan and to the Presbyterian Church for hosting this event.

—Mary Sawich

## TIME CAPSULES

Do you know where your time capsule is? Decades ago many classes and organizations created time capsules to be opened far into the future - in the year 2000. Well, the future is here! The Antrim Millennium Committee encourages all to locate these capsules and participate in celebrating our past while planning for the future. The Millennium Committee is planning a day to open time capsules from the past and create a Millennium Time Capsule for the future. If you have a time capsule, please call Barbara Black (588-6710) by April 1st.

Look for more information on the Time Capsule Celebration in the June issue of the LIMRIK. ♣

## OLD TIME ANTRIM SPORTS

*Any history of sports in Antrim would have to mention basketball in Town Hall, baseball that produced nigh-murderous rivalries and the Cuddihy family of extraordinary athletes. What follows is taken from the Town History, Parades and Promenades.*

### BASKETBALL

Basketball in this period (1916) resembled today's hockey rather than the graceful leaps and bounds which now comprise the "pas de cinq" of professional basket-ballet. The only unencumbered shot then was a foul, and the scores indicated this. They ranged from 20 to 40, and were made under the most adverse conditions. Body checks, knees, elbows, karate chops, tearing the ball from an opponent—all were applauded. About the only foul was for tripping. This had to be called, because of the danger of hitting the exposed cast iron registers which heated the various town halls in which the games were played.

One local problem was protecting the windows. The most popular solution was to string large fish nets in loose V's from the backboards to the side walls. A possible hand-me-down idea from the gladiators, these gave the smaller player a chance to wrap up a more powerful opponent, or divert his shot with a quick yank of the draperies.

Every visiting team brought its own backers. An estimated 500 spectators attended the Southern Interscholastic Basketball Championship held in the neutral Antrim hall. Special trains were run from Wilton and Jaffrey, and each team brought its own band. This dual mob must have reduced the playing court to a narrow stretch of floor space, but all such handicaps were as fair to one team as to the other.

### BASEBALL

[Note: in pre-Little League days, every town had its team of grown men.] Any celebration or special day was built around a game or a double header. There would have been nothing but ridicule or indifference to such "sissy" games as soft ball or soccer, which probably would have been included with the sack races, dashed, and pie eating contests.

The West Street ball ground provided a standard diamond, but the outfield was not ideal. Most engaging was a point of gray birches protruding into left field which provided a bonus home run for any batter lucky enough to hit a two-bagger into it. Another hand-out was deep right field, which sloped

away enough so that a long fly sent ball and fielder out of the sight of both crowd and umpire. These two refuges were so beneficial to batting averages and arguments that no mention was ever made of correcting them.

There was a large grandstand on the home side of the field, while on the other side the visitors could sit on whatever they brought with them. The stand was possibly fifteen feet high and forty or fifty feet long. Without it, the sedentary devotees would have been unable to see over the heads of the more enthusiastic fans who packed the baseline from home plate to first base. It was always surprising that any pitcher could possibly concentrate on the batter with this mob of maniacs shrieking imprecations from a scant twenty feet away.

Strangely enough, instantaneous hate reached its greatest intensity only during games with Hillsboro. Why this was so is inexplicable, because Hillsboro was the focal point for special Saturday night safaris, at which time good fellowship and romance reigned supreme. This sportsmen's animosity was not always just a harmless diversion: on one occasion when the two opposing sides converged on home plate armed with stray bats, Granville Whitney, chief of police, stepped into the center of the potential melee and, pulling his revolver, drove both sides back to their places.

This instance was unusual, but the enthusiasm was not. A crucial game with Marlboro was so important that a special train was provided to bring the supporters to town.

### THE CUDDIHYS

In reporting such a period with so many superb athletes, mention must be made of the Cuddihys. Not only were they great players, they were also great showmen, but such ability was not even recognized at the time. All from the same family, they were spectacular in every effort. They could make an easy catch look impossible, and an impossible play look easy, and as "money" players they could make the big hit which won the game. Andy, Dick, Jim, Matt, and John were as good at basketball as baseball. Up at Gregg Lake they had a green dory with three sets of oars. In the midst of encouraging shouts to each other, they would rush the boat, scramble to their seats, and fairly lift the craft out of the water as they exulted in their strength and muscle. Even without competition, they appeared to be engaged in a desperate race. ♣

# GREAT BROOK SCHOOL NEWS

By Barbara Black

## WHEN IN ROME...

When Mr. and Mrs. Shields, ambassadors from Antrim Township, Ireland, visited Great Brook School recently, everyone wanted them to feel at home. Visiting a seventh grade social studies class, a little entertainment by a music class, and afternoon tea were planned. But what to serve? Irish soda bread and tea with a little Celtic background music were suggested. But why travel thousands of miles from home just to sample Americanized versions of Irish culture? So the Consumer and Family Studies class whipped up batches of toll house cookies and snickerdoodles and served them with cranberry juice. At the conclusion of their visit, the Shields were presented a framed photo of themselves with Student Congress members which had been produced in the GBS computer lab.

## OLD PICTURES AND STORIES NEEDED

Students in Mrs. Kenney's and Ms. Black's classes have been gathering information and developing skills needed to create their Walking Tour of Antrim. Dr. Stuart Wallace from Plymouth State College has worked with students the past two months to explore how communities are formed and evolve over time. Students have explored clues the past has left on land and buildings. They have narrowed their focus of the first loop of the Walking Tour to the downtown area.

Students are in the process of investigating Antrim histories and documents to find printed information about downtown. They are practicing the interviewing techniques Lyman Gilmore shared with them in order to collect oral history of the downtown area. It is expected interviews will be conducted the last two weeks in March.

IF YOU HAVE OLD PICTURES OR STORIES of the following areas, please contact Barbara Black (588-6710) or Anne Kenney (588-6630): from Prospect Street to the intersection of Clinton Road and North Main Street; Depot Street, Jameson Avenue, High Street, West Street to the Slaughter Barn, Grove Street, T-Bird to McCabe Forest.

The Antrim Walking Tour is made possible by THE ORION SOCIETY's "Stories of the Land" teaching fellowships and a grant from THE NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESERVATION ALLIANCE 's Community Walking Tour Project.

## BUSINESS PEOPLE AND ARTISANS SOUGHT

To better make connections with the community, Great Brook School is inviting segments of the community to brainstorming sessions. In the fall the COSEED team (Community and School Environmental Education) hosted a dinner meeting with Historical Society Members and Librarians from the four GBS towns. Collaborative projects were presented and ideas for new ventures were brainstormed.

Great Brook would like to form closer connections with the Business and Arts sectors of the community. A meeting with local Artisans and Craftspersons has been planned for April 3rd. Local Business people are invited to a meeting on May 10th. If you are interested in participating in one of these meetings, please call Principal Rick Nannicelli (588-6630). Come make a difference to our students and our community.

## DIME-A-DIP

Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, here's a deal you don't want to miss. All the food you can eat for a dime a spoonful. Back by popular demand, this evening of food, fellowship, and entertainment is sponsored by the GBS Advisory Council. Here's an evening out you can afford for the whole family. GBS students will present the entertainment. Come join the fun at 6:00 pm on March 11th.

## SCHOOL CENSUS

Kathy Hamon's eighth graders have created their own census document, similar to the one provided for in the United States Constitution. Questions include town or residence, number of times moved, and method of getting to school. Students were also asked if they have access to a computer at home and if there is an adult at home when they returned from school. The survey included whether students found it easier to read information on a blackboard or a white board and what after school activities they attended.

The math classes will compile the survey information and publish the results. Visit the GBS library if you would like to see the complete survey and data.

## BUILDING COMMUNITIES

The Building Communities team has completed vegetation and wildlife surveys of the Hurlin Recreation property. They are

working with the Antrim Conservation Commission to create a trail system starting at the Hurlin property. The trail would lead to the Meeting House Hill Cemetery, loop back down to cross Clinton Road to the Center Cemetery and end at the Lily Pond.

In developing their plan, students have worked with Keeping Tracks, an organization which helps establish wildlife corridors. GBS is one of the first schools to work with this group. Antrim's Ruth Benedict is working with the class to produce a nature guide to use on the trail.

Work also continues on THE TEMPEST. Jane Miller has been working with the cast to prepare for the March performance. Beth Wallace is organizing costumes and Harry Lowenthal is working with students to create the staging. There will be three matinee and two evening performances in March. Call the school for exact dates and times.

## DANCING IN TIME

Tickets for this year's New Hampshire Dance Institute performance at Brickyard Pond in Keene go on sale the end of March. Thirty-seven Great Brook students have been practicing weekly for the Memorial Day weekend extravaganza. Through dance, students will present the physical nature of time and space throughout history and into the new Millennium. Via original dance, theatre, and music, performers will explore the vastness of time and the connectedness of our lives.

## THANK YOU

Who hasn't needed a little financial assistance at one time or another? And how difficult it is to have to ask for that help! Several area businesses have made this delicate task a little easier for GBS eighth graders. Several students have needed financial aid in order to participate in the class trip to Washington, DC in April. Science teacher Bill Bigelow approached area businesses with a novel idea. If the businesses would contribute money toward scholarships, students needing assistance would earn the money by performing community service. Both the community and the students have benefited from this arrangement. Thank you, **Edmund's Hardware, T-Bird, Antrim Lumber, and Monadnock Paper Mills.**

## VETERANS WANTED

The eighth grade social studies classes will soon begin their study of World War II. They are looking for veterans who will share their personal experiences. Please consider

preserving your memories by passing them along to the next generation. Students will remember their time with you long after their book studies. If you would be willing to spend some time with students, please contact teacher Ellen Solmonson (588-6630).

#### SCHOOL NURSE OF THE YEAR

Congratulations, Linda Compton, named New Hampshire School Nurse of the Year. Teacher David Dodge nominated Linda in recognition of her dedication to the health and wellness of students and staff alike. She was the first School Nurse to become a member of the New Hampshire State Board of Nursing. She draws upon her twenty year background in the emergency room, intensive care unit, and nursing management to meet the needs of GBS students and staff.

#### SOUTH OF THE BORDER

The sixth grade team invites the public to their annual South of the Border evening exploring the culture of Central America. On March 24th beginning at 7:00 pm the East Wing of GBS will be host to a rainforest, volcano exhibition, Aztec / Maya museum room, and the ever popular South of the Border Cafe. Come join the fun!

#### MCCABE BROCHURES AVAILABLE

Ms. Rosenthal's class has created mammal brochures for McCabe Forest. Students participated in two-day-long field trips to McCabe to survey the diversity of wildlife there. The students learned the finer points of tracking and scat identification to help them identify species which live in or pass through McCabe. They used guide books to research each mammal they identified. The Mammal Brochures are available for the public at the James A. Tuttle Library.

Students in Mrs. Shea/Mathews', Mrs. Petrovito's and Mrs. Winslow/Sittig's classroom have also been exploring McCabe Forest. In the fall they researched the different trees in McCabe. This winter they are snowshoeing in McCabe to track mammals and study habitats. In the spring they will investigate the many birds which nest in the forest and create geographic maps.

#### CRIMINAL TRESPASS AND RIOTS

Do individuals have the right to use mall property to protest the sale of products manufactured in third world countries under atrocious working conditions? On March 17th Great Brook Students will present their case at the state Mock Trial competition in Nashua. The case is based on actual events

where 98 protesters were arrested. Sponsored by the New Hampshire Bar Association, the Mock Trial competition is designed to help students understand the American Justice System.

#### FESTIVAL NEW HAMPSHIRE

Did you miss the Folk Life Festival in Washington, DC last summer? CELEBRATE NEW HAMPSHIRE CULTURE is your second chance. June 7-11 those who represented New Hampshire in Washington will share the arts, trades, businesses, and traditions of New Hampshire at the Hopkinton State Fairgrounds in Contoocook. Great Brook School's seventh grade team will be among presenters on June 8th.

#### LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENT

No one knows who will be the next President of the United States, but many of us know what we would like done. In letters to "Future President" fifth graders have detailed the issues they think are important and challenges they face. These letters will be sent to Plymouth State College to be included in the dialogue of the Kearsarge Arts Theatre Company's original children's musical. ♣

#### PRIZE WINNING SNOW BOARDER

Antrim has a prize-winning snow boarding competitor, 21-year-old Myles Hallen of West Street. Although his activities keep him out of town much of the time, he still identifies Antrim as home. Last year he won the U.S. Open "Big Air" championship at Stratton, Vermont and will be there again to defend his title this month. ("Big Air" is the event where the snow boarder goes off a jump that propels him 30 feet into the air to do specified twists and turns before landing.)

Prior to the Stratton event, Myles will have been competing out West including at Lake Tahoe. He makes his living from competition prize money and from snow board equipment companies who sponsor him.

Myles is a 1996 graduate of Conval High School. ♣

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## SWOLLEN EARS

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Several times in the course of a year most veterinarians are presented with dogs, and sometimes cats, with swollen ears—nice and big and fully! This description is what we will typically see with something called an “aural hematoma”.



A hematoma can form at various locations on the body. For the uninitiated, a hematoma is basically defined as a collection of blood in a localized area under the skin. Sometimes people get hematomas at a needle puncture site if they've just had blood taken and they don't hold pressure on the spot.

When dogs and cats get ear hematomas it is usually due to an external force on the ear, like striking the ear on a hard surface such as a wall or door frame. Sometimes when floppy-eared dogs shake their heads so violently as to rattle their brains, their own skull can be that hard object!

What happens next is small vessels under the skin of the ear start to bleed, and depending on how big a dead space is created under the skin, the bleeding can continue until the ear turns into a balloon full of blood. The situation can be quite painful, as you can imagine.

There are a number of methods used to dealing with this situation. Surgery is usually the most practical and reliable.

Many dogs shake their heads a lot. Some have allergies; others have mites or infections. But not that many develop hematomas. Why is that? We don't know for sure, exactly, but it has been *my* observation over the years that it happens more in Golden Retrievers or dogs mixed with that breed. Since Golden Retrievers can be prone to clotting defects or bleeding disorders, you may conclude that this is a very likely contributing factor. ♣

## ANTRIM GRANGE

Repairs to the Grange Hall roof have been completed for the exterior phase of the renovation project. Many, many thanks to all community supporters for helping to accomplish this! Interior improvements will begin once warmer weather is upon us.

This winter, Antrim Grange has tried to take a more active role in the community by holding a couple of open meetings of interest to the public. In January, 1999 IFYE (International Four-H Youth Exchange) representative Ethan Robertson of Northwood, NH gave a slide presentation on his six month stay in Norway. Ethan is the nephew of Antrim residents John and Pauline Robertson and Liz Robertson who, herself, was an IFYE to France in 1960.

In February, a grassroots forum was held on the subject of legalizing the production of industrial hemp and included speakers representing different sides of the issue.

Antrim Grange will observe National Grange Week with an Awards Night at the Grange Hall on April 19 at 7:30 PM. A number of Grange members are slated to receive continuous membership awards, in addition to the presentation of the Community Citizen Award, Helping Hands Award, and public service awards to several other members of the community. All are welcome to join us on this occasion.

Another program is the reorganization of the Junior Grange. Any child between the ages 5–14 is welcome to join. The meetings are on the first and third Monday of each month, from 6–7:30 PM. Junior Grange members reap the benefits of a program filled with activities—crafts, patriotic and good citizen projects, merit badges, camp, and the list goes on. March meetings will be held at The Grapevine, and subject to winter conditions will then return to the Grange Hall in April. If you have any questions or want more information call Renee Mercier at 588-2334 or Beth Merrill at 588-6615.



## “PERLEY GETS A DUMPSTICKER AND OTHER HARROWING TALES”

Rebecca Rule will perform at the Tuttle Library on March 8 at 7 PM. Her performances have been described as “An Evening of Yankee Humor...” about small town politics, the adventures of Perley and Mavis, and close-to-home tales. She is a popular speaker and humorist and has performed at schools, libraries and conferences around the New England area. Miss Rule has received the NH Writers Project Award, Outstanding Work of Fiction, for *The Best Revenge*. She is also the author of *Wood Heat*. Her Yankee humor is on audio tape: *Perley Gets A Dumpsticker and other Harrowing Tales*, *Fishing with George: True Stories and Tolerable Lies*, and *The Widow and the Trapper*, “*Stories of New England*”.

Join us for an enjoyable evening on Wednesday March 8 at 7:00 PM at the Tuttle Library. Admission Free! ♣



Don't forget to register your dog during the month of April. Town Clerk hours are listed on page 2. ♣

## 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.

## GRAPEVINE NEWS

### BETTER BEGINNINGS

We are dealing with a welcome challenge at The Grapevine—our playgroups are full and new families are calling us weekly to sign up. We will add a Monday morning playgroup, beginning March 6 at 9:30 AM. Call Mary Fleischman at The Grapevine for more information and to register.

### EMPLOYMENT SERIES

In April and May, The Grapevine will offer four workshops called The Grapevine Employment Series for anyone who is looking for a job, looking to change careers, or is confused about how getting a job will affect their family's welfare (TANF) benefits. Presenters will include local employment specialists, employers, entrepreneurs and TANF (Temporary Aid for Needy Families) experts. Those interested may sign up for any or all workshops, which will be offered free of charge (although donations are appreciated). Dates and times will be announced. Call Kristen Vance at The Grapevine for more information.

### THANK YOU...

to all who responded to our 1999 direct mail campaign with generous contributions to The Grapevine. If you did not receive a letter and wish to contribute, you may send a check payable to The Grapevine at PO Box 637, Antrim. A special thank you to Amos Russell, who shovels snow from our walkway, porch and wheelchair access on his way to work in the morning, and to Ben Pratt, who has been hauling our trash to the dump every Saturday for two years.

### PROGRAMS

#### BETTER BEGINNINGS PARENT/CHILD PLAYGROUPS

New day: Mondays 9:30–11:00 for babies to age 5. Tuesdays 9:30–11:30 for babies to age 2. Wednesdays 9:30–11:30 for 3-year-olds. Thursdays 9:30–11:30 for 4-year-olds and pre-K. There is a \$1 per child materials and snack fee.

#### DANCING THROUGH PREGNANCY

Celeste Lunetta offers a 12-week program of movement to increase comfort and endurance through pregnancy. Wednesday evenings at 5:30; \$5 per class, \$50 for 12 classes, \$100 for 24 classes. Financial aid available.

### PARENTS AS TEACHERS

Sharon Bressett of The Parent Information Center offers a program for parents of children under three on the first Tuesday of every month during playgroup.

### BABY MASSAGE

Touch is one way parents and children communicate their love. Join other new parents and 2- to 8-month old babies for baby massage by Diane Kendall, licensed massage therapist, on Thursday April 27 and Thursday May 25, at 2:00 PM. The class fee is \$15, and financial aid is available. Please call to reserve a spot, as space is limited to 10 people.

### SCRAPBOOKING

Charlotte Lakus shows how to make those old boxes of photos into organized works of art. Wednesdays, February 23, March 29, April 26, 6–8:00 PM. Class fee is \$10 including materials. Please call to reserve a spot as space is limited to 10.

### BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

An opportunity to talk with other moms about breastfeeding. Facilitated by a certified La Leche League leader on the first Monday of each month at 11:00 AM.

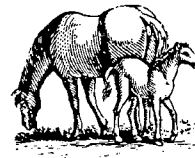
### YOGA FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

Instructor Janet Archer. Co-ed, all levels, 8 weeks for \$64. Thursday evenings at 5:45, financial aid available.

### CHILD CARE BASICS

A 4-part training for anyone interested in child care as a possible career, or for those interested in child development. Presented by Family Works. \$3 fee per class. Call for dates and times.

All Grapevine programs are free unless otherwise indicated. Financial aid is available for all programs with a fee. Call us at 588-2620 to register for programs, or for more information. The Grapevine is a non-profit 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 Hancock Congregational Church and the Diocese of Manchester, and by generous contributions from businesses, individuals and families in our communities.



## HOT TO TROT 4-H CLUB

Over the last three or four years, club members have been involved in helping other Hillsborough County 4-H clubs 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. The club wished to thank the community for supporting this project by donating over 200 pounds of old license plates for recycling. The next county fund-raiser will be the annual tack sale on March 2, 3 & 4 in Milford. This is a great opportunity for all member of the horse community to pick up some new-to-you equipment and clothing as well as finding new homes for the outgrown and unused items in their barns. For more information call Cher Griffin at 483-8772 or Joyce Cardoza at 673-2648.

Club members will be participating in County Activities Day in Milford on March 18, 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 and was a member of the second place team.

The State 4-H Horse Judging and Hippology Contests will be held at Great Brook School on April 15. Approximately 100 4-H members and staff will be bussed to two area farms where they will judge six classes of horses and then back to the school for the remainder of the competition and awards. Participants will represent every county in the state as they vie for a coveted spot on the state judging and hippology teams. Both teams will represent New Hampshire at the Eastern National Roundup in Kentucky this November.

The club will hold its seventh annual horse show on August 13 at the ring on West Street. ♣

### A DEEP THOUGHT

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# Antrim Community Calendar

## MARCH

- 2-4 4-H TACK SALE • Milford
- 3 PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME (every Friday) • Tuttle Library • 9:30 AM
- 4 TAX HELP • Tuttle Library • 10 AM – 2 PM (every Saturday through April 8)
- 6 BETTER BEGINNINGS—babies to age 5 (every Monday) • The Grapevine • 9:30 AM
- 7 BETTER BEGINNINGS—babies to age 2 (every Tuesday) • The Grapevine • 9:30 AM
- 8 BETTER BEGINNINGS—3 yr olds (every Wednesday) • The Grapevine • 9:30 AM
- 8 LENTEN LUNCHEON • 12 Noon • Baptist Church
- 8 REBECCA RULE performs at Tuttle Library • 7 PM
- 9 BETTER BEGINNINGS—4 yr olds & pre-K (every Thursday) • The Grapevine • 9:30 AM
- 11 DIME-A-DIP • Food & Entertainment • Great Brook School • 6 PM
- 14 VOTING • Town Hall • 8 AM – 7 PM
- 14 WOMAN'S CLUB • Baptist Church
- 15 LENTEN LUNCHEON • 12 Noon • Baptist Church
- 16 TOWN MEETING • Great Brook School Gym • 7 PM
- 17 MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION • Great Brook School participating in Nashua
- 17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION • Maplehurst Inn • 6 PM 'til closing
- 18 4-H COUNTY ACTIVITIES DAY • Milford Junior High School
- 22 LENTEN LUNCHEON • 12 Noon • Baptist Church
- 24 SOUTH OF THE BORDER EVENING • Great Brook School • 7 PM
- 29 LENTEN LUNCHEON • 12 Noon • Baptist Church
- 29 SCRAPBOOK MAKING • The Grapevine • 6 PM



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**APRIL**

- POETRY CHALLENGE • Tuttle Library • Open for entire month of April  
3 Great Brook School & local Artisans & Craftspeople Meeting  
5 LENTEN LUNCHEON • 12 Noon • Baptist Church  
11 WOMAN'S CLUB • Baptist Church  
12 LENTEN LUNCHEON • 12 Noon • Baptist Church  
15 4-H STATE HORSE JUDGING & HIPPOLOGY CONTEST • Great Brook School  
16 PALM SUNDAY Services • Local Churches  
19 NATIONAL GRANGE WEEK • Awards Night • Grange Hall • 7:30 PM  
20 MAUNDY THURSDAY Communion Service • Local Churches  
23 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE • 6:30 AM • Local Churches  
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES • 10:30 AM • Local Churches  
24-28 SPRING BREAK • No School  
26 SCRAPBOOK MAKING • The Grapevine • 6 PM  
27 BABY MASSAGE • The Grapevine • 2 PM  
28 POETRY CHALLENGE POET'S TEA • Tuttle Library • Time TBA

**MAY**

- 6 PUPPET SHOW • Performed by Junior Girl Scout Troop 2172  
Tuttle Library • 4:30 PM  
9 WOMAN'S CLUB • Baptist Church  
10 Great Brook School & local Business People Meeting  
25 BABY MASSAGE • The Grapevine • 2 PM

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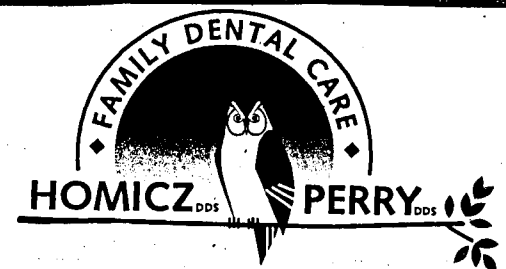
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