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Students Attend Conference

Four Andover Central School students attended the 40th Annual Youth and Government Conference held in Albany this year on December 12-14. The students Brenda Empson, Leonard Grossman, Kathy McCormick and Janet Monroe served in various governmental capacities and have written their reactions to this experience. All four have a much better understanding of State Government than previously, as a result of this experience and are most enthused not only by what occurs at the state level but also by the thought of having similar experiences again if possible. The student comments follow:

My name is Brenda Empson and I had the privilege of going to Albany December 12-14 with a Youth and Government group. My job while I was there was as a page. A page runs between all the committees carrying bills and takes them also to the governor. A page is more or less a secretary who does the running.

While I was there I also took over the Student Lieutenant Governor's chair, who is head of the Senate, while he was writing a resume to send to the governor. Even though it was a short period of time I learned alot. I was a page in the Senate and also the Assembly during joint sessions.

I can't wait to go next year, if I am given the chance. This was a very exciting and educational weekend for not only me but every one who went.

My basic responsibility when going to Albany was to co-sponsor a bill. My bill "Mailing privileges for inmates" was backed by two sponsors and three co-sponsors. Out of five people I was the only one to show up. Being just a co-sponsor I had little knowledge of the bill but talking to friends of the sponsors I had a clear picture of the information I needed. My bill passed with no trouble and the governor of the Youth and Government was very interested and really liked it. She signed it with much enthusiasm.

I have to admit that staying at the Sheraton Inn, being waited or all weekend and not getting more than 3-6 hours sleep was fun. I also really enjoyed meeting people from all over the state and listening to their differences.

I hope that I can go next year. I would like to run for the office of Speaker of the Assembly and I would like to get more involved in this. It is a lot of education in a short time, and even more, it's fun for all involved. I appreciate the opportunity that I had.

Cathy McCormick

My weekend at Albany was very interesting and informative, especially in the area of legislation of our State Government. By being an Assemblyman, I was in the middle of this process.

I was also allowed to co-sponsor a bill that dealt with providing an equitable means of giving electoral votes in the election of the President and Vice-President. I was assigned to a committee that was to review the bill. When I arrived at Albany I had a meeting with this committee and the committee passed the bill which was then sent to the floor of the Assembly. There the bill was debated and it was voted whether or not to send it to the Governor.

The bill which I sponsored passed easily in the Assembly and was signed by the Governor. The bill was so good that it was nominated for the best bill presented.

Leonard Grossman

My trip to Albany as a lobbyist was very rewarding. Never have I had such an interesting and educational experience. We arrived around 8:30 in the morning after a seven hour ride from Wellsville. After checking in at the Sheraton Inn at Albany, we took a tour of the Capital building, then attended the 40th Annual Youth and Government Conference. I was a lobbyist, as I stated before, a spokesperson, the man behind the door.

He can't vote but he influences senators and assemblymen to vote for or against the bill he wants or doesn't want. I personally was working on several bills, one of which was putting blood type and other medical disabilities on drivers' licenses. I did much research at Albany University on my bills and would answer the questions the assemblymen asked. I was very lucky to have all my bills go the way I wanted them to, two killed and one passed. The one about the driver's license passed.

It was such a rewarding experience that I hope to return next year when I plan to run for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

James Monroe

Basketball: New Year's Tournament

by Debbie Buckwalter

Yet another trophy has been added to the ever growing collection in the ACS trophy cases! Our boys Varsity Basketball Team with a season record of 2 wins, 1 loss before the holidays, practiced three days per week over the vacation to go all the way for two more victories and a number one position in the Annual New Year's Tournament. The games were held on Friday, January 2 and Saturday, January 3 at the Canisteo High School rather than the Andover Tech Gym where it was originally scheduled, because of Alfred's concern with wasting energy keeping the building open over the holidays.

Two games were held each evening. Friday night saw Richburg defeating Greenwood 54-30 and Andover taking Troupsburg 58-52; and Saturday night Troupsburg defeating Greenwood 50-44 followed by Andover's second victory, now over Richburg 78-53.

The ACS Panthers played quite well both nights. Their improved press in Saturday's game led them to a higher victory and a more exciting game.

In Friday's game, Dale Russell and Doug Preston took highest scores (each with 18), followed by Jay MacMichael with 14. Saturday, Dale was again the high scorer with 20 points, followed by Scott Wilson, 16; Doug, 14; and Gary Barden with 12.

At the conclusion of Saturday's last game, the awards were given: six trophies for all-star players, a plaque for most valuable player of the number one team and also a team trophy for the best team. Dale Russell and Doug Preston were awarded the all-star trophies for our team and Doug Preston deservedly was given the MVP award. Then Coach Charley Young and our five starting players (Jay MacMichael, Doug Preston, Dale Russell, Gary Barden and Scott Wilson) stood to receive the first place trophy as the Andover fans cheered from the bleachers.

The Andover team seems to be in for a good season. The crowd helps though! So Comet!

Feature

PRACTICE TEACHERS

In one or two of your classrooms you might have had a practice teacher leading the class or helping the regular teacher. You might not think about it much but for both student and teacher it can mean different experiences and opportunities. For the practice teacher, the hours he spends in preparing lessons and observation could mean a good job in a good school (Andover, of course). He is learning what goes into lesson effectiveness of his teaching, and improvement or different approaches. For the student, it can mean a wider scope of learning. But for both, it means learning about each other. The practice teacher learns about students, their problems, and their expectations. The student learns the same about the practice teacher. They are, as one teacher put it, a valuable asset to our school bringing fresh ideas into the school in subject matter and techniques for teaching the material.

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Panther Prowl

by Kathy McCormick

On Thursday, January 3, Andover had their first home swimming meet against the tough Adirondack Teams, who have twice as many swimmers as the small Andover team.

The meet opened with Addison taking the first two events and with John Davis taking second in the 100 yard. Marty Grossman won the 100 I. M. with a good time of 1:55.6. In the 50' Free Andover came alive with a quick finish. Russ Godown setting a new school record with 33.9 and with Kevin MacCrea's high behind him.

In the diving, Andover picked up a second and third with Jeff Smith in third and Eric MacMichael in second place. Joe Smith picked up another third in the Butterfly. Russ Godown did it again with a 4.7 in the 100 Free. This is a school and pool record. Kevin MacCrea was third with a fine effort. John Davis picked up a third in the 500'. Marty Grossman won the Backstroke with a time of 1:04.1. Lenny Grossman was third in the Breaststroke. The Andover team picked up a second in the final Relay.

J. V. Basketball

by Kal Shaw

Andover's J.V. team lost to Bolivar Tuesday night for the second time this season. We went in against a really tough defensive team. Bolivar held Andover scoreless in the first quarter to go the 13-0. We just couldn't catch up after our first quarter deficit.

The J. V. team couldn't get the ball moving around the court as Bolivar's defensive was just too tight. Our high scorer was Marty Geer with 18 points, followed by Pat Atwell with 13 and Steve Dibble with 7 points.

The J. V. record is now 2-2. Good luck to the J. V. team in your next game, against Scioto!

Varsity Basketball News

by Kal Shaw

Andover lost its second game Tuesday night to a tough defensive team. Bolivar played a good defensive game as Andover could not get the ball moving. Bolivar's three men over six feet tall made it difficult for Andover to sink the baskets.

Andover's scorers were Dale Russell with 14 points, Jay MacMichael with 1, Doug Preston with 10, and Scott Wilson with 6 points.

Andover played a fairly good game but we just couldn't put the ball in the basket. Andover's record now is 4 wins and 2 losses.

We play next on Friday against Scioto. Good luck guys and let's get back on the winning track.

The Marionettes Are Coming!

by Diane Elin

Get ready grades K-6 for an exciting and entertaining Assembly on January 22. The Antism Bureau, Inc. of Glenside, Pennsylvania, introduces The Marionettes in a production of "The Sleeping Beauty".

The presentation will be adapted from the story of the same name written by the French poet Perrault. The music will be from Tchaikovsky. "The Sleeping Beauty Ballet" and the play is being offered to schools as a part of the State Department's Schools.

The two puppets will be able to manipulate one of the characters. Life size puppets will be used as a unique and new way to bring marionettes to life. The presentation also provides all the values and lessons of the story. The Marionettes are coming! With bringing fun and excitement to the school.

All the puppets will be of hand carved wood. The puppeteers' experience is to be valuable, culturally and entertaining for all.

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds

Tot Spot

by Kal Shaw

Kindergarten - Mrs. Griffin, Sherry Mankin and Stelly Drake both had birthdays on December 15 and 16 respectively. Stephanie Drake spent three days in Boston. Mrs. Griffin's class cut down their own Christmas tree and decorated it with a homemade tree.

First Grade - Mrs. Johnson had a birthday on December 7. Mrs. Johnson's class took a trip to the City Hill in Canisteo. Tammy Jones was in the school play to have her teeth taken out.

Second Grade - Mrs. Bowers has a new dog named "Daisy".

Third Grade - Mrs. Kephart, Ben Clark had a birthday on December 24. Billy Clark has a baby, born on his grandpa's farm. Kelly Mealey has a baby rabbit that her father brought for her. Charles Mealey has a new baby named "Lucky".

Miss Scurt - Coltin Champin has a new hobby, he is saving gum wrappers for a long time. Willy Jones will wear his Halloween Santa costume in the Christmas program. The whole class used Mr. Barden's shop to make a surprise for their fathers' Christmas present.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Marsh - Todd Jordan had a birthday on December 16.

Mrs. Harder - Kevin Gavin visited his grandmother in Scioto. Douglas Glover's uncle took him out for a pizza at a restaurant in Hornell. Judy Dahl took a trip to Boston and visited relatives on the way. She also enjoyed going through the Aquarium while she was there.

Susan Godown's pet guinea pig "Kelly" had six babies.

Fourth Grade - Mrs. Peterson - The only birthday this month is Rick Brown's on December 31.

Jeff Smith and family went to Pennsylvania for a day of sled riding. Bob Bowers got a new hamster. Jen Lehman has a new kitten named "Max". Tim Fanton got a new pony, he named him "Sandy".

Mrs. Vars - Tammy Ordway has a new puppy. Sue Lehman went to the movies; Mike Buchen-Schultz's family has a new watch dog.

Fifth Grade - Mrs. McNeill - Bruce Baker had a birthday on December 2. Bruce Baker and his family went to Buffalo, recently.

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Mrs. Miller is going to... Mrs. Johnson... Mrs. Griffin... Mrs. Harder... Mrs. Peterson... Mrs. Marsh... Mrs. McNeill... Mrs. Bowers... Mrs. Scurt... Mrs. Johnson... Mrs. Peterson... Mrs. Marsh... Mrs. McNeill... Mrs. Bowers... Mrs. Scurt... Mrs. Johnson... Mrs. Peterson... Mrs. Marsh... Mrs. McNeill... Mrs. Bowers... Mrs. Scurt...

Birth Grade - Mr. Young - Steve Watson celebrated his twelfth birthday on December 27. Don Green also celebrated his twelfth birthday on December 28. Lela Strouse went to Pennsylvania to visit her family. Lela Strouse has a St. Bernard named "Buddy". Leronna Monahan has a new baby named "Bobby".

Miss Bower - Carol Bower celebrated her twelfth birthday on December 30 and Michael Bower has his twelfth birthday on December 31.

Mrs. Beyer's class won second place in the Red Cross Drive in the Elementary Grades.

January Schedule

- Jan. 2 - 3 - B.B. Tournament
- Alfred, Andover, Richburg
- Jan. 6 - B.B. Bolivar at Andover
- Jan. 6 - Swim Addison at Andover
- Jan. 8 - Swim Naples at Andover
- Jan. 8 - Spanish Dinner in the Cafeteria
- Jan. 9 - B.B. Scioto at Andover
- Jan. 13 - B.B. Whitesville at Andover
- Jan. 13 - Swim Canisteo at Andover
- Jan. 16 - B. B. Andover at Belmont
- Jan. 19 - Girls B.B. Alfred-Altmond at Andover
- Jan. 20 - B. B. Andover at Houghton
- Jan. 22 - 12:30 p. m. K-6 Assembly
- Jan. 22 - Swim A-A at Andover
- Jan. 22 - Girls B. B. at Scioto
- Jan. 23 - B. B. at Bushland
- Jan. 26 - Girls' B. B. Bolivar at Andover
- Jan. 26 + 27 - Regents
- Jan. 29 - Girls' B. B. at Richburg
- Jan. 30 - B. B. Richburg at Andover

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