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MILO HAS LOST A BEST-FRIEND

Murrel Harris (1946-2006): A Legend in His Own Time By Bill Sawtel

Recreation Director, fireman, Kiwanian, veteran, Legionnaire, Coach, husband, father, scion of a great sports family, former athletic director, etc., etc., Murrel Harris did a lot for the Town of Milo and influenced countless people in the multitude of his endeavors and will not easily be replaced.

Everyone has his Murrel Harris story. Here is mine. I first met Murrel when I played shortstop for the Brownville Junction Little League team and he pitched for Popeye Hackett's Milo Little League team. He beat us 4-1.

I later played Babe Ruth baseball against him and grammar school basketball in the Milo Town Hall, noticing that he was quite a shooter.

I learned from one of my uncles that Murrel came from quite a sports family and that one of his uncles, Gippy, had scored 38 points in a Derby Grammar School win over Brownville out of 40 points in a 40-0 game.

One summer I began hitchhiking to play baseball with Murrel and some of his buddies on the lot now occupied by MFU and the Dollar Store. After that we became good friends from opposite sides of Swett Hill, competing against each other in high school

baseball and high school basketball. How he could shoot from the outside!

Murrel and I both served overseas during the Vietnam Conflict, but not in Vietnam. He came back and became Recreation Director, while I continued my studies at UMO.

When I returned to the area, I played many games of street ball and participated in Murrel's four-on-four league for a couple of years, getting to play with Murrel often, still marveling at his shooting ability. He never lost his touch.

Having worked as a sportswriter for 13 years, I have come to rely on Murrel's encyclopedic knowledge of baseball, football, and basketball, calling him at all hours for a name or a date I just couldn't remember or just didn't know.

When he worked at the hospital as an x-ray technician, he impressed everyone there with his ability to answer questions on quiz shows.

Murrel was very generous and helpful to the downtrodden, even offering to help me when times got difficult. Moreover, he was like a counselor to whom anyone could come and discuss any kind of problem, a true and trusted friend and public servant.

I'm glad he lived to see the field named Harris Field.

Editor's Note: I loved Murrel. Many times I could have strangled him, but that is true of all good friends. Murrel was unique, he was smart, he was witty, he was funny, he called

young ball-players "Buddy" and he called me "Kid". Rarely has one person had so many irons in so many fires.

I spent a lot of time with Murrel and I feel I knew him as well as anyone except his immediate family. Murrel was a sports nut and an amateur gambler. He would enter any pool or fantasy sports game going. And he was usually very good at picking winners. He and his sometimes silent partner John Crossman, were usually pretty accurate in determining the winning team of a basketball, baseball or football game. Murrel loved the Yankees and the Giants. But most of all, he loved his family, his grand-dog Jeter, and the town of Milo.

I had the frustrating job of showing Murrel the ropes of computers and the internet. He was clueless and darn proud of it. I had to create shortcuts in order for him to do anything and yet one day I walked into his office and there was a picture of his grandkids serving as his PC's desktop wallpaper. Shocked, I asked him how he did it and never did get a straight answer. He said something about how he was Milo's answer to Bill Gates and left it at that. How he loved those babies.

Murrel babysat for Mike's Yellow Lab Jeter. He took his responsibility for the dog very seriously and they were good friends. Jeter will miss him.

Murrel and Laurel ("Buttercup") shared a unique and symbiotic life together. Their lively "discussions" were entertaining as well as important to their relationship. Each knew the other loved them and they loved their life together. Each of them adored every one of their children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren and sons-in-law.

Murrel loved Milo and everything about it. He loved his job, his coaching position for the PVHS baseball team, his role as Town Spokesperson, his co-workers, and his office. Murrel's office was Murrel. It is filled with items and pictures of those he loved most. It is filled with his hat collection, autographed pictures of beloved sports figures, his recently acquired Johnny Damon clock, his awards and certificates of achievement, his desk and chair and the all-important chair for his visitors. Every single person who knew Murrel has at one time or another been offered a seat in that chair. It was a comfortable, inviting chair that matched his office and his personality perfectly.

Each of us who sat in that chair felt welcome. People sat in that chair to book the town hall, complain about anything, spill their guts, find out the latest happenings, buy fishing derby tickets, get a fire permit, apply for summer jobs, talk about sports, books or movies, and more times than anyone can count people sat in that chair to ask for help or advice ...and they got it. I loved that room, as did all of his old friends, who made it their first stop upon arriving back to their home town.

Murrel kept his desk immaculately clean and neat. He had to; he had to have a place to put his feet. I remember a few months ago he had a sore groin muscle that caused him to miss a night of overseeing his much-loved women's volleyball. One of the girls remarked he must pulled a muscle lifting his feet up on his desk. Murrel knew how to conserve energy.

When new folks move to Milo, they immediately are made aware of Murrel and his importance to our area. The hard part is to explain just what it was that made him so important. He was like our King...he kept us all together. Joe Zamboni described Murrel as an institution. He was the heart and soul of Milo. He had people who despised him and thought he showed favoritism or bad judgment in certain areas. He probably did, When a person is involved in as many projects a Murrel, they are destined to make enemies.

We that love Murrel were quick to point out to him that he didn't actually physically perform many tasks. I once joked that I would bet that Murrel never had lifted 10 ponds in his whole life, but by God he knew someone he could get to.

Murrel liked to get things going and help with events that would make Milo better. Every single week since the inception of this newspaper, at least one article or announcement or advertisement would end with: Call Murrel at 943-7326. I called it last night. His voice greeted me and I smiled before I sobbed. Murrel is the Commissioner of my Fantasy Baseball League, the Arthritic Armchair Athletes, a fitting name for our group. He loved that league and spent all winter planning and preparing for this spring's opening day. I was the winning team last year and the prize money was nothing compared to the gloating rights. I wish I could hear him once again call me every bad name in the book for beating him. During the off-season I traded him a lot of my best players, who happened to be Yankees. I hate the Yankees-he loves the Yankees. Worked out good.

As commissioner of our fantasy league, Murrel would call me every morning with the day's transactions. He called me at 7:30 am a few days in a row, waking me. Last Wednesday, the last day I was in his office, I said "Murrel, stop calling me so early, the transactions can wait until after 8." He said, "I have to get things done, I have important things to do." The first thing Kirby said to me this morning was "Isn't it strange to not have the phone ring?" It is heartbreaking. I have two messages from Murrel saved on my answering machine and I listen to them over and over.

Those who believe in an afterlife often picture a deceased loved one in a scenario that they would consider their friend's Utopia. If Murrel is now in Utopia, Heaven or that perfect place, it looks just like his living room, it has his chair, and he is in it watching TV with a drink on the stand and his Yankees are beating the Red Sox 15-2. Those two runs were scored by Trot Nixon, his lone fantasy Red Sox batter. His fantasy team, The Catfishes, is in first place, his Giants had a good draft and the Sopranos are on tonight. Murrel lived his heaven and that is the sign of a good man and a good life. I shall forever miss him but more deeply and profoundly, the town and the children who are growing up here will miss him. We have lost one of the Good Guys.

When the field was dedicated to Murrel, he quoted from the movie "Field of Dreams". The following, is taken from the Bangor Dailey News:

Selectmen dedicated the Elm Street sports fields as Harris Field, in recognition of Murrel Harris and his family, who have been involved with baseball, athletics and recreation in the town for decades.

"I was just dumbfounded. I didn't expect anything like that," Harris said Friday, seated behind his desk in his town hall office.

Harris recalled that he and his wife, Laurel, were working the "snack shack" during the Oct. 1 Homecoming game between Dexter Regional High School and Penquis Valley High School when he saw his six grown children, grandchildren and mother, Nathalie Harris.

He figured something was up but wasn't sure just what. "I felt like that movie 'Field of Dreams' when I saw all my children and grandchildren come across the field," he said. Moments later, he said, he found himself truly "humbled" when it was announced that the sports fields would carry his surname. End of quote.

Field of Dreams is my favorite movie and I often quote lines from it. One scene keeps popping into my head in relation to Murrel.

The dialog is Terrance Mann, played by James Earl Jones, explaining why baseball has been so important for our Country. He says: *"The one constant through all the years, Ray, has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It's been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game, is a part of our past, Ray. It reminds us of all that once was good, and that could be again. Oh people will come, Ray. People will most definitely come."*

The same can be said of Murrel...he was our town's one constant. He will once again be pulling us all together. Visiting hours at the Lary Funeral home will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd from 12-3. At 4pm, Murrel's Baseball team will play a home game at Harris Field, and his boys will be coached that game by Mike, one of Murrel's sons, and Ed, one of Murrel's sons-in-law.

There will be visiting hours after the game from 6-8 at the funeral home. On Thursday, May 4th at the Penquis Valley High School Gymnasium, at 4PM, a service will be held to honor Murrel and his life. The service is being held at the High School gym because it is the complex in town that will hold the most people. It won't be big enough.

Thanks to Marilyn Lyford for supplying the following. She e-mailed me these two photos last Monday, and I promised her the front page.



Congratulations to the Boy's Penquis Baseball team for picking up their second win on Harris Field against the Pirates of Guilford 6-4. Nick Emery did a great job, going all 6 innings with Brad Brown behind the plate. Great win guys.....you looked really good. Front Row: Ricky Venable, Chris Dumont, Noah Bissell, Mike Larson, Dustin Lancaster, Robert Veno, Logan Greenlaw and Zach Beals. Back Row: Coach Murrel Harris, Asa Sproul, Jared Drinkwater, Dillon Lyford, Nate Allen, Kyle Gero, Bruce Benoit, Tyler Elsenheimer, Justin E Morrill, Nick Emery, Brad Brown and Asst. Coaches, Ed Vandestine and Mike Harris.



CONGRATULATIONS to Zach Beals for hitting the big one (homerun).....right over the fence. Zach also earned himself the game ball. Nice going.....

Editors Note: Murrel was sick about the fact that the Bangor Daily got Zach's name wrong. He said the last thing Zach said to him after that game was "Be sure they get my name right Coach". I promised Murrel I would give Zach his props (yeah, Murrel and I were cool like that).

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**1st Annual Meeting of the
Penquis Valley High School Alumni
July 22, 2006 from 2 – 4 p.m.
At Ed Wingler Auditorium, Milo, Maine**

To all PVHS Alumni,

Penquis Valley High School graduated its first class in 1969 – 37 years ago. Since that time, there have been many class reunions as former classmates re-united and talked about their high school years and what they have done since. What has been missing? To this day, Penquis does not have an Alumni Association. If you went to Brownville or Milo High School, you have active Alumni Associations that meet each year and provide scholarships to graduating seniors. I was only able to attend one of our class reunions. It was really great to see many of my classmates from the Class of '73. But the one thing that was missing was seeing friends from the other 6 classes that attended during my 4 years at PVHS. Milo and Brownville Alumni have fairly active groups, but their population gets smaller each year. PVHS Alumni, on the other hand, grows with each graduating class. I envision this group to not only be the social event of the year, but also to provide help for graduating students in the form of scholarships.

This summer we will hold our first meeting (reunion) for everyone that has ever attended PVHS this July 22nd from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Once we get organized I believe this could be one of the area's premiere events. Just think, not only your classmates, but the upper classmates and those that followed after you, all getting together each year. While I know there are a lot of people that will not be able to make the event, I also believe there are many that have been looking for just this opportunity. Who is eligible for membership? Anyone who ever attended, taught, or worked at PVHS. Notice that I did not say graduated. If you were a teacher, bus driver, cafeteria worker, or did not finish school.....you were there and a part of PVHS.

If you noticed the time scheduled for our reunion, you may think that is too short of a time. But, there are many other things going on in the area that same weekend. I believe the Class of '76 is having their 30th reunion that same day, as well as the 100th Anniversary of the Milo Fire Department (which includes a street dance that night). Other classes might want to take the opportunity for individual events following our annual meeting. The possibilities are unlimited.

I'm asking for your help to make this event a success. If you have contact with any of your former classmates, pass this information along to them. If you have any ideas on how to make this event and this organization a success, please pass them on to me, or better yet, be there on the 22nd of July and participate.

Thanks so much; and I look forward to seeing you this summer,

Gerry Demers
PVHS Alumni, Class of '73
demersg@vtrocket.com
(850) 585-4345

BOTTLE DRIVE

The American Legion JUNIOR Auxiliary will be doing a bottle drive on Saturday, May 6th in Brownville and Brownville Jct. They will be out from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The proceeds will be used to benefit our Veterans and Community. We thank you for any donation.

Annual Spring Choir Festival

By Karen Clark

The annual Spring Choir festival was Hosted by the Milo United Baptist Church and the Park Street United Methodist Church: on Sunday Evening, April 23, 2006 Eight church choirs filled the United Baptist Church Sunday evening with beautiful music:

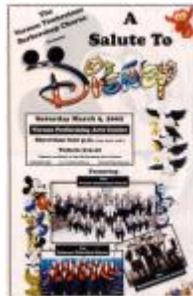


(Shown in the photograph(s) are the combination of the several choirs as they presented their final anthems:

Church Choirs participating were: Host, United Baptist Church of Milo; Guilford United Methodist Church; Corinth United Methodist Church ; Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church Brownville Jct. United Methodist church Coastal Community Church of Scarborough Moosehead Area Community Church Host Park Street United Methodist Church of Milo:

Disney on Parade

Community members interested in singing in the Variety Show are asked to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday in Stephanie Gillis' classroom at Milo Elementary School. The name of the music is "Disney Dazzle." Anyone interested in having an act in the show may contact Kathy Witham at 943-2112 or Chris Beres or Stephanie Gillis at Milo Elementary School. We're looking for a variety of acts...they don't have to be Disney related. The show is May 12th and 13th at the Milo Town Hall. All proceeds of the show go to extra curricular reading programs in the community...such as RIF, the Kiwanis Reading Program at the library, and Brownville Elementary summer reading program. All are welcome!



BINGO...BINGO...BINGO!!!

THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS BINGO EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
A MEAL IS SERVED FROM 5:00PM UNTIL 6:15 PM

BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30.

SEE YOU THERE!

The Piscataquis County Republican Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2006, 7:00 PM in Dover-Foxcroft at the County Court House, Probate Room. Besides regular business we will discuss the upcoming GOP Governor's Debate that will take place at the Center Theater on May 27, 2006. For more information, please call Miriam McArthur, 564-0856.

TEEN DANCE

For 7th and 8th graders @ Penquis Valley Middle School on Friday May 5th from 6 - 9 pm. This is to benefit Student Ambassador Dylan Flagg to help raise money for his trip to England, Wales and Ireland this summer. There will be a D.J., hourly prizes and refreshments on sale. Come and join in the fun, hope to see you there.



LOBSTER AND STEAK RAFFLE

To benefit Student Ambassador Dylan Flagg
4 Lobster and 2 Porterhouse Steaks



Choice of 2 Homemade Salads (Coleslaw, Potato, Macaroni) Drawing will be held on May 24, 2006



Price for tickets is .50 each or 3 for \$1.00

For tickets contact: Suzy Ricker @ 943 - 2692
Debbie Flagg @ 943 - 8821 Terri Noke @ 965 -7821
Staci Beaulieu @ 943 -2889

Valerie Jean's American Bistro Main Street, Milo

will be featuring a Mother's Day meal, by reservation only.

Appetizers:

Crab and Red Pepper Bisque
Artichoke Bruchetta
Grilled Shrimp Cocktail
Baby Spinach Salad (tossed with pistachios, dried cranberries and Maple Vinaigrette)

Entrees:

Roasted Spring Lamb (served with a minted peppercorn sauce)
"Shrimpie" Haddock Fresh fillet topped with a mixture Maine shrimp, parmesan Cheese, herbs and spices
Roasted Pork Tenderloin Finished with our own BBQ Sauce
Chicken Fettucine Alfredo over home made pasta

Desserts:

Flourless Chocolate Torte Served in a pool of raspberry Sauce
Carrot Cake with cream cheese Frosting
Lemon Cheesecake
Ice cream puff with hot fudge

\$17.95/ person (does not include tax or gratuity)

CALL 943-7479

AREA SCHOOL NEWS



The 6th grades from SAD #41 recently attended the NASA Challenger Center in Bangor. The students had prepared in the classrooms prior to the field trip with an astronomy unit of study. Children were assigned various jobs similar to real astronauts and then participated in a simulated space flight. It's an exciting and realistic field trip which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

PENQUIS LADY PATRIOTS



Second basewoman Ana Rodrigues getting ready for the throw. Ana is a Senior at Penquis and one of this year's Captains.



Senior Co-Captain, Kylie Palmer plays 3rd base for the Lady Pats.



Starting pitcher for Penquis is Freshman, Erica Lyford.....against Orono in this picture, Erica struck out 12 batters and gave up no walks.



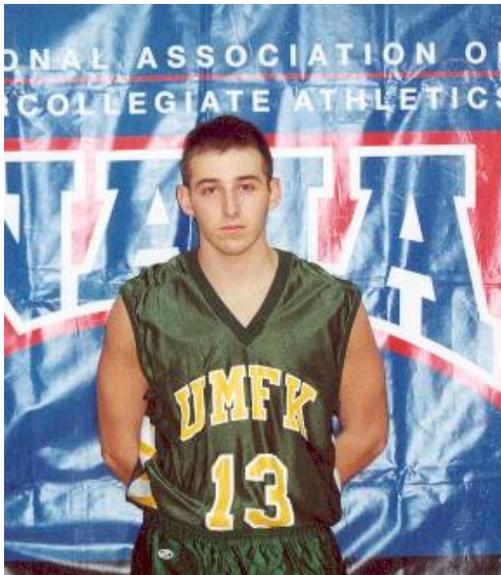
Lynn Corson is the starting catcher for the Lady Pats, and getting used to a her new position

The Lady Pats looked like they would have their hands full with Orono's size and speed of the pitcher, but looks are deceiving, they held their own very well and almost came home with a shut out. Orono did manage to score late in the 7th inning to put 1 run on the board. Penquis came home with a 13 - 1 WIN.

Erica Lyford struck out the first 9 batters she faced. She pitched a total of 90 pitches, of which, 50 of them

were strikes and 22 balls. She never gave up a walk and had 3 singles of her own for the afternoon.

Mindy Dolley had a fly ball to left field for a 2 run RBI double. Kylie Palmer got on base with 3 walks and scored 3 times. Amber Benoit had a fly ball over the short stop for a single. Suzanne Johnston had a fly ball to right field for a single and a grounder to short stop that she ran out in time for another single. Morgan Royal and Britnee Genthner both got on with 2 walks each and scored every time. Lynn Corson did a great job behind the plate of keeping the ball in front of her and hanging on to that third strike pitch!



Above are photos of April and Jordan Allen who both enjoyed fine seasons in basketball at UMFK.

GRAMMIE’S WEATHER-MAY 1984

- 1-Sunny breezy-68° at 1:30 pm.
- 2-Cloudy windy cold-34° at 6 am.
- 3-Cloudy L wind-60° at 3 pm.
- 4-Rain all day snow flurries am-34° at 10:40 pm.
- 5-Showers Cloudy windy L showers in evening.
- 6-Sunny windy-42° at 4:15 pm.
- 7-Sunny L wind-62° at noon.

**M.S.A.D. #41 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
MAY 2006**

1-Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, spinach, dinner roll, and fruit and milk every day.
2-Italian sandwich, French fries, and buttered carrots.
3-Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, and garlic bread.
4-Chicken and rice burrito, oven fries, stir fry, and Jell-O/topping
5-Hamburg pizza and cucumber slices.
8-Pizza bagel, hash brown, and winter mix veg.
9-Chicken burger, potato, salad, and pumpkin cookie.
10-Juice, egg muffin on a biscuit, and potato log.
11-Turkey/gravy, potato, corn, and oatmeal roll.
12-Bread sticks, cheese/sauce, carrot sticks, and icy juicy.
15-Cheeseburger, fries, and mixed vegs.
16-Corn chowder, egg sandwich, and celery sticks.
17-Macaroni/cheese, baked ham, cole slaw, and frosted brownie.
18-Popcorn chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli/cheese, and dinner roll.
19-Bacon pizza, salad, and fruited pudding.
22-Hot dog/bun, French fries, and corn cobbets.
23-Oven fried chicken, macaroni salad, green beans, and dinner roll.
24-Teriyaki chicken, mashed potato, peas, dinner roll, and birthday cake.
25-Shephards pie, California blend, and maple roll.
26-Ravioli, assorted veggies, dinner roll, and assorted desserts.

MIL O PTO DAILY RAFFLE WINNERS FOR APRIL

April 10 – Danny Nutter; 11 – William Call; 12 – Tom Howard; 13 – Scott Grant; 14 – Rhoda Fish; 15 – Elaine Tardiff; 16 – Debbie Smith; 17 – Sarah Smith; 18 – Lillian Costello; 19 – Kelley Carroll; 20 – Joyce Green; 21 – Maurice Mahar; 22 – Diane Osgood; 23 – Clairina Cohen.

Miss Marie’s 1st grade helped to draw the winning names.

Winners for the week of April 24-30 were Rhoda Brown, Rhonda Fish, Greg Goodline, Maurice Mahar, Sarah Smith, Laura Keith, and Clarence Keith.

Kayla Harmon, Ben Raymond, Jacob Conley, Trevor Golden, Keith Emery, Kristin Dearborn, and Damian Karpowicz drew the names from the raffle basket.

Thank you, everyone, for purchasing a raffle ticket and supporting Milo Elementary PTO. Please think about what role you would like to play in next year’s PTO. Thank you again.

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Our assembly began with Mr. Parker (our guitar man) leading us in "This Land is Your Land." Our Terrific Kids were Hannah Bess, Rachael Baker and Kortnie Stone. Miss K. said that Hannah is a leader and a terrific role model. Hannah arrives with her Planner signed, her homework completed and a smile on her face every single day. She works hard on all of her assignments and is a joy in the classroom. Mrs. Carter is proud of Rachael. Rachael always does her homework and has her Planner signed each night. She is very organized. Thanks Mom for your help with that. Rachael has been self-editing her own writing. She is also making the right choices at recess. Mrs. Shelly told us that Kortnie is always happy and smiling. She tries hard to get her work done and is a good friend. Kortnie is a very sweet girl.

Bus Awards: Rebecca P., Michelle and Keegan

Birthdays: Shalene (10), Lindsay (10), Bridgette (7), Miss Shelly (?) and Mrs. Andrews (??)

Move and Improve Prize Winners Vacation Week: Kyle, Trevor, Cassidy, Laura, Sonny

Move and Improve Prize Winners: Rebecca, Sony, Lindsay, Justin, Harmony

Move and Improve Staff Prize Winners: Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Carter

Terrific Kid Bags: Laura, Rachael, Josh G., Lindsay, Cassidy

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



Upcoming Field Trips: K-5 will be attending Lava and Bones at the MCA on May 3. 4-5 will be visiting the Margaret Chase Smith Museum on May 5.



Brownville Elementary School held their Terrific Kid assembly on Thursday, April 27th with Mr. Frank Cochran acting as our Kiwanian Friend. Honored were: Adam Stetson in Kindergarten, Brian Perkins in First Grade, Emily Stubbs in Second Grade, Dylan Lalime in Third Grade, Dana Sherwood in Fourth Grade, Mindy Corson in Fifth Grade and Alex Zelkan in Sixth Grade. Many birthdays were celebrated, and a multitude of Move and Improve prizes were awarded. The Fifth and Sixth Grade "Caught Being Good" students won nice calculators as their prizes. The staff and students joined the band in the school song. Classroom pictures will be taken on Wednesday May 3rd by Joyful Photos.

MILO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Thursday, April 20, 2006, Gwen Bradeen emceed a program at the Milo Historical Society. "Digs in Milo and Derby"

The Society's guest speaker was Milo/Derby native Michael Brigham. Mike has studied and worked in the archeological field for many years. He told us about the digs he has been involved with and spoke extensively about the Brigham and Sharrow sites in Milo. During the 1980's the area around Rhoda's Bridge was a beehive of activity as Mike, his fellow excavators, and numerous volunteers studied the layers of earth to determine the changes brought about in the past 10,000 years. Mike also presented a slide show and invited guests to peruse the artifacts he brought with him. He expertly answered numerous questions after his informative and educational program.

Mrs. Bradeen introduced Colby Andricks, a third grade student at Milo Elementary School. Colby spoke about his history project on the American Thread Company to many Historical Society members and guests. Thank you Colby.



Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

This was a busy week with lots of younger patrons in the library. On Monday afternoon we enjoyed having the Preschool Story Hour. There were five children and three adults. Noah Hill had come along to help his mother, Melissa. The children really enjoyed The Eensy Weensy Spider. This edition had a longer story in rhyme but also had the traditional song and the finger plays. After several stories the preschoolers then moved on to the craft---spring flowers. Melissa had prepared stems, leaves and yellow petals which the children could paste onto their paper to create several flower designs. The bright yellow yellow flowers with green leaves and stems were the very picture of our lovely spring flowers---daffodils, dandelions and some unique creations too. Melissa had an additional surprise for the children too. Before they left the library she presented them with small pots of garden soil into which they planted marigold seeds. Hopefully, they will all have marigolds to enjoy this summer.

We had a trustees meeting Monday evening. Jane Jones, the town manager, brought good news to the trustees and librarians. The electrician will soon be putting more electrical outlets into the library which will enable us to have our new computers installed, and we will also be adding DSL. This is great news for our patrons who have had to wait and wait and wait for the internet. New services are always exciting. We will keep you posted in this column.

On Wednesday now that vacation is over, the Kiwanis Kids returned to the library. There were 29 children present with three adults, Val, Dottie, Frank and one parent, Eric McLeod. The Key Club young people, Josh Clement, Katie Patten and Kristin Robinson helped with the snacks of juice boxes and granola bars. Val read The Toughest Cowboy by John Frank. These very tough cowboys adopt a poodle which brings out their softer sides. The illustrations are delightful too. Their craft was a bead bracelet. Val had the idea of stringing the beads on a pipe cleaner. The pipe cleaner held the beads so much better than string would have. There was quite a variety of beads in size and design, and the bracelets were quite unique.

We received the Caldecott winner this week and four Caldecott Honor Books. Also the Dr. Seuss Award book.

Juster, Norton	THE HELLO, GOODBYE WINDOW (Caldecott)
Priceman, Marjorie	HOT AIR (Honor)
Giovanni, Nikki	ROSA (Honor)
Sidman, Joyce	SONG OF THE WATER BOATMAN (Honor)
Muth, Jon J .	ZEN SHORTS (Honor)
Rylant, Cynthia	HENRY AND MUDGE AND THE GREAT GRAMPAS (Theodor Seuss Geisel Award)

We also received a Preview Box from Penworthy Company. These are the books we selected to keep.

BABY OWL-BABY SEAL-HOW BASEBALL WORKS
 DANCE TO THE RESCUE (Dora the Explorer)
 DORA'S STARRY CHRISTMAS (Dora the Explorer)
 I AM A BALLERINA
 LITTLE RED HEN MAKES A PIZZA
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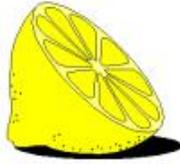
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Traditions of a Milo-ite

by Kathryn Witham

Awakening, as I did this morning, to a beautiful sunny spring day always puts me in a good mood. The coffee canister being empty was a little disconcerting, but hubby went immediately to the grocery store so the wait won't be long now....we do love that first cup of coffee in the morning.

It's been a busy week, what with rehearsals for the Variety Show all week and helping take care of the grandchildren. I got a big kick out of my eight-year-old granddaughter this week. I agreed to pack her a school lunch this week....just for the fun of it. I asked her what special things she might want, and she gave me pretty specific suggestions. She likes ham and cheese, roast beef, tuna fish and pb & j, as well as pb & fluff. She said she likes grapes, apples or applesauce, and oranges. She wanted yogurt (but only the smooth kind) and she prefers water to drink. So there you have it....mix and match to your hearts content. I packed my lunch (for the most part) as well as hers, and we shared an insulated lunch bag. It was a great week of camaraderie with my adorable granddaughter.



I spoke with my other little granddaughters on the phone last night. We are beginning to get excited about our weeks at camp together this summer. These children are all such good kids, despite the trials and tribulations they must get through every day. School is so much harder than it was when we were kids. Children maintain much more rigid schedules than we did. Peer pressures, which each generation have battled, seem to be more complicated these days. The clothing issue is definitely less manageable these days than it was even a generation ago. I guess that we can consider the carefree days over. And, isn't it a shame.

Secretaries' Day was this week....birthday is next week....then comes Mother's Day. All I want for a gift is a new pair of Teva sandals. They cost about \$40 and you can get them at Reny's (usually) or Olympia Sports. There are probably other places where I can get them, but I at least know I can get them there. We are going away to New Hampshire next weekend to celebrate "the birthdays." One would think that for tax purposes I might wait until next weekend to buy the sandals....sounds like a plan to me.

Cousins Gail and Joan and I all celebrate our birthdays within a couple of weeks of each other in April and May. We will laugh and shop and talk (incessantly). We will eat in one night....a meal prepared by Joan (who is a gourmet cook), and one meal out in a nice restaurant. Joan and her husband are always trying out restaurants in the Concord - Manchester area that they can take us to when we visit. Traditionally I prepare breakfast on Sunday morning. They always love the recipes that I "try out" on them. On past visits we've had pumpkin pancakes, stuffed french toast, eggs benedict, and a multitude of breakfast bakes. This trip I'm going to Wow them with the "omelets in a bag." Have any of you tried them yet? I think they were in the column two weeks ago.

So....as you can see....it's life as usual for this Milo-ite. Same ol', same ol'. I don't mind that....I love things being routine. When things are routine it means that things are on an even keel. An even keel means no major disruptions or heart aches. It means sleeping at night instead of lying awake with a spinning head....it means normal digestion and fewer Roloids....it means being content. It's how life should be. Ask me about my routine two weeks from today....Variety Show!!! Yikes!!

I can't believe this, but it's almost time to take Mama's little green recipe box back to Schoodic Lake....we may even work out there tomorrow....I have picked one more of her recipes from the box to share with you today. In her hurried handwriting it says:

Lemon Sponge Pie

1 cup sugar
2 big Tbs.. flour
juice and grated rind of 1 lemon
2 egg yolks
1 cup milk
beat together and add 2 stiffly beaten egg whites last.

Bake in 9 inch (one raw crust) pie pan 375 degrees 30 min.

God love her heart. She knew what she meant by (one raw crust). My daughter-in-law would probably have quite a time with this one!! I always measure level of understanding of my directions by whether or not my daughter-in-law could follow the recipe as it's written. She's an inexperienced cook...just beginning to find her way around the kitchen. Much like my mother was when she and Daddy were first married...Leslie is learning to cook from scratch. Mom had Mrs. Daisy to teach her...and what a teacher she was!!

For this pie: line a 9" pie pan with a crust and crimp the edges. In a large mixing bowl: sift the sugar and flour. Add the grated lemon rind and the juice of the lemon. Separate the eggs, adding the yolks to your mixture and keeping the egg whites in a bowl big enough to beat in. To your sugar/lemon/egg yolk mixture whisk in the milk. Beat egg whites until stiff peaks form. Fold them into the other mixture lastly. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 30 minutes. Cool before cutting.

Editor's Note: Kirby has made Omelets in A Bag at least 4 times-a new staple at the Robertson house.

I can't wait to make this pie..it sounds like my Aunt Maxine Scanlon's Lemon Sponge Pie that she was required to make at every family get-together.

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WELCOME HOME!!! BY KAREN AND MIKE CLARK

The last time we saw this soldier he hadn't even graduated from Penquis Valley High School: We found out he would be coming through Bangor so thought it would be kind of neat to go down and greet him as he was passing through along with over 200 of his fellow soldiers: (I cried): So Welcome home Sgt. First Class Todd Pineau from Michael and Karen Clark

MURREL L HARRIS

MILO



MILO-Murrel L Harris, 60, husband of Laurel (Ellison) Harris, died very unexpectedly Sat, April 29, 2006, at his home in Milo. He was born in Milo Dec. 16, 1945 the son of Lewis L and Nathalie (Dunham) Harris. He was a U S Army veteran, a member of the Joseph P Chaisson American Legion # 41, the NRA and the Recreation Director for the Town of Milo for 30 years. At one time Murrel was an X-Ray technician at the Milo Hospital having x-rayed several of his own children. Murrel belonged to the Milo Fire Dept. for more than 25 years where he also served as secretary, and director of the Milo Fishing Derby. He enjoyed the fire dept. and the camaraderie of the members. He was a charter Member of the Three Rivers Kiwanis where he had served as the 14th president, was on the board of directors for many years and was program coordinator for the Secret Santa Program for area youth. Over the years, at Thanksgiving and Christmas he organized the acquisition and the distribution of thousands of food baskets for those in need.

He had served as athletic director for 12 years and baseball coach for Penquis Valley High School. He belonged to the Maine Athletic Directors Assoc. and had served a brief term on the S. A. D. # 41 Board of Education.

One of the many highlights of his career was in October of 2005 when the local baseball field was renamed "Harris Field" in honor Murrel and his family. In addition to his wife of 28 years Laurel of Milo, he is survived by his mother Nat of Milo, four sons Lance and Michael of Milo,

Ryan Harris and wife Karen of Bangor, Reid Harris and wife Cris of Henniker N.H.; two daughters Laurie Cates and husband Scott of Old Town, Tina Vanidestine and husband Ed of Brewer; six grandchildren, Nathan, Kristin, Jacob, Alyssa, Kendall and Grady, several nieces, nephews aunts, uncles and cousins. He will be greatly missed by the Ellison family and special friends Peter and Tony Hamlin, David Preble, Herbie Carey, John Gracey, John Crossman and many others. Friends are invited to call at the Lary Funeral Home in Milo Wednesday, May 3, 2006, 12 noon to 3 pm when the family will break to attend a baseball game to honor Murrel. They will return to the funeral home from 6 to 8 pm to continue remembering Murrel.

A Celebration of Life will be held 4 pm Thursday, May 4, 2006 at Penquis Valley High School Gym. Immediately following the service all are invited to the cafeteria for refreshments. Those who wish may make memorial donations to the Murrel Harris Memorial Fund to benefit the youth and community of Milo c/o Maine Savings P O Box 447, Milo, Me 04463. Lastly, not to be forgotten, is his faithful riding companion Jeter. **GO YANKEES!**

FRANCES A. RICHARDSON

BANGOR - Frances A. Richardson, 91, beloved mother went to be with the Lord, Sunday, April 23, 2006. She was born May 6, 1914, in Milo, the daughter of George Albert and Helen Maude Day. She graduated from Milo High School in 1932 and worked several years on the east coast. During World War II, she worked at Chance Vought Aircraft in Bridgeport, Conn. After the war, she came back to Maine to visit her parents and met her husband, Bill, who had just returned from the war. They were married at the Dexter Methodist parsonage April 7, 1946 and made their home in Dexter. She was predeceased by her husband, William R. Richardson in 1997. Frances is survived by a son, Paul W. Richardson and wife, Marli, of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Janice E. Gans and husband, Herbert, of Levant; two sisters, Grace Doble of Dexter and Doris Andrews of Bangor; and a beloved grandson, Jonathan M. Ferreira of Boston, Mass. She will be remembered by her other special family members and friends who were very dear to her. Frances, affectionately known as "Berdie," spent the last few years of her life at Westgate Manor in Bangor.

FORREST 'JIM' STONE

BUCKSPORT - Forrest Robinson Stone died April 28, 2006, at the age of 84, at the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor, after a brief illness, surrounded by his loving wife and their family. Jim was born July 22, 1921, in Littleton, the son of Albion and Margaret (Robinson) Stone. Jim attended Orland and Bucksport schools where he received his GED. He joined the CCC Camp and later joined the Army Air Corps and was a veteran of World War II. He worked at the Bucksport Paper Mill as a stock prep operator and retired in 1985. Jim was a proud past master of the Rising Sun Lodge No. 71 of Orland, and a member of the Anah Temple Shrine, Bangor. Jim was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed being with his family at Alamoosook Lake and Patten Pond. Surviving is his loving wife of 48 years, Nella (Gerow) Stone; and his loving stepchildren, Laurice and wife, Jeanne Mercer, of Silver Springs, Md., Beverly and husband, Ronald Kerstetter, of Millerstown, Pa., Frederick and wife, Janet Mercer, of Charlotte, N.C., and Pamela and husband, Dick Ames, of Bucksport; 12 loving grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Jim is also survived by his brother-in-law, Herbert and wife, Maureen Gerow and family of Orland; brother-in-law, Philip and wife, Ina Jan Gerow and family of Milo; and his daughter, Phyllis Daniels of Bucksport.