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The Kiwanis Auction will be held June 22nd and 23rd, 2006. If you have items that you wish to give to the auction, you can arrange to have them picked up now. Please call Joe Zamboni at 943-2271.

All auction proceeds go to serve the children and families in our community.



KYLIE TOUCHES THEM ALL



Pictured is Senior, Kylie Palmer who

hit a solo home run against Howland last Thursday in the first game of a 2-game day the Patriots had to play. Howland went on the beat the Lady Pats 3-2; but the girls regrouped and went up to Guilford and brought home another win 7-0. The Lady Pats play Monday at 4:30 against Orono and again Tuesday, home with Searsport. Kylie is graduating and we wish her all the best. Kylie served as Key Club president and is a wonderful enthusiastic young woman with a big heart who will be missed by her friends at Kiwanis.

John Pokrywka Named Milo Rec. Director

John Pokrywka, who graduated from Penquis Valley High School, has been named the Recreation Director for Milo. John has a degree in Sport's Management, which he earned at Thomas College, where he graduated in 1999. He is the son of MaryJean and Stan Pokrywka and has two brothers, Matt and Mike. John will assume the responsibilities in a few weeks and is up to the task of filling the big shoes left behind with the passing of Murrel Harris. The town of Milo, especially the young folks are looking forward to having John and his wonderful heart, spirit and sense of humor back in our area.

A Memorial Day Memory

BY BILL SAWTELL

In all of our nation's wars none of my clan has ever made the supreme sacrifice. Perhaps the closest person to me to do so was a youngster I met picking beans for two cents a pound in Harold Kroemer's field as a teenager in Milo: Butch Heal.

Butch came from Milo and I came from Brownville.

After that we met at the beach in Milo. I found him to be kind of an aggressive guy. It was the same aggressiveness that I later saw when he started in basketball for Milo High School in 1966-67 with Peter Hamlin, John Lyford, Randy Villani, and his brother Duane, a team that made it to the tournament only to be eliminated by Ellsworth in the first round.

Butch was a scrappy leader and would dive all over the place for loose balls in the days when Milo was using the Foxcroft Academy court.

Butch and I went into the Army about the same time. In 1967 we both were on Christmas leave at the same time. I took Butch, Duane, Pete Webb, Coach Dennis Black, Paul Grindle, and Randy Villani to Monson to take on the Miners. We also played some hoop in the Town Hall.

On Superbowl Sunday of 1968 I went to Thailand. A few months later, I got a letter from my mother. I would never play basketball with Butch Heal again!!!



KRISTEN REPRESENTS MILO

Army Specialist Kristin Lee, a 2003 graduate of Penquis Valley High School, was selected to represent the Maine Army National Guard in Memorial Day Ceremonies at the Nation's Capital. She will travel to Washington DC to join the 107 Army and Air Force Guard representatives for the Memorial Day weekend activities. The following is quoted in part from a Department of Defense Message – "THE SECDEF (SECRETARY OF DEFENSE) DESIRES THAT AMERICAN SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN BE HONORED DURING MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCES IN WASHINGTON, DC 28-29 MAY 2006. AS PART OF THE OBSERVANCES, 108 GUARDSMEN (ONE FROM BOTH THE ARMY AND AIR NG AND FROM EACH STATE, TERRITORY AND THE DISTRICT) WILL TRAVEL TO THE NATION'S CAPITAL IN ORDER TO MARCH IN THE PARADE ..."

Kristin was selected to represent the Great State of Maine after winning Soldier of the Year for Maine in a multi-level contest. She also competed earlier this month in the Soldier of the Region contest in Vermont with National Guardsmen from New England States, New York and New Jersey. She will have the opportunity to meet elected officials on Capitol Hill in addition to the distinguished honor of marching in the Memorial Day Parade. Kristin is a student at UMAINE Orono and a member of the Maine Army National Guard. She is the daughter of Scott and Kathie Lee.

P.E.T.S. NEEDS PERENNIALS

The P.E.T.S. organization is planning their first annual perennial plant and bake sale on Saturday, June 3 from 9 to noon

at the Methodist Church on Main Street in Dover-Foxcroft which is next to the town hall. If you are thinning your perennial gardens would you donate your plants to P.E.T.S? Call Mary at 564-8092 or Phyllis at 564-8072 to arrange for pick-up or drop off. Please label as to name of plant and color.

Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Association Summer Adult Ed. Classes

Serving all the citizens of the MSAD#4, MSAD#41, and MSAD#68 region www.sad68.com/adult_education/

FAX 207-564-3481

Summer is a good time to catch up on things that were previously put off. Consider Adult Education to help you brush up on skills or learn something new.

GED Testing is on going. If you are interested in obtaining your General Education Diploma, please call 564-6525 or stop by and we will help you get started. Summer hours are: June 20th– August 8th

Tuesdays PVHS, Milo 9 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Wednesdays PCHS Library, Guilford 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Thursdays Supt's Building 69 High Street, Dover-Foxcroft 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Saturdays Supt's Building, Dover-Foxcroft. 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We can also arrange to meet individuals at different times by appointment.

Learning Center Is designed to help a variety of learners meet individual needs. Tutorial help is available for those pursuing GED, high school diploma, upgrading academic skills, or in preparation for the college entrance exam. Please call 564-6525 or stop by.

Summer hours: June 6th – August 15th

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Superintendent's Building, 69 High Street, Dover-Foxcroft

ALGEBRA: Instructor: Valerie Miller. This is a five-week course designed to help you brush up on algebra skills to pass the ACUPLACER test community colleges require for their program placement. \$30.00

Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon July 12th – August 9th.

Superintendent's Building, Dover-Foxcroft

Introduction to Watercolors Instructor Mary Shapleigh:

This class is intended to give the emerging artist an overview of watercolor techniques and materials. This class will be continued in a full evening class in the autumn. Five weeks \$25.00

Wednesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 noon June 21st to July 27th.

Superintendent's Building, Dover-Foxcroft

Introduction to Computers: It Won't Blow-up if You

Touch It Instructor Eve Salley Basic computer skills taught. User friendly atmosphere. Basic word processing, email, printing and saving attachments & documents, internet searches. \$25.00

July 12th – August 9th

Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Superintendent's Building lower level Dover-Foxcroft

Please feel free to call the PVAEC Adult Education Office for more information.

Thelma Regan, Director 564-6525

Diane Salisbury, Dover-Foxcroft Site Coordinator, 564-6525

Kelly MacFadyen Guilford Site Coordinator, 876-3577

Stephanie Salley, Milo Site Coordinator, 943-7317

Remember: Anyone can teach if you have a passion for something or you have been doing a skill or craft for some time. Would you like to instruct a class?

Any hobby, craft, skill, or interest is a potential course to offer the public. Call me and we can talk about the possibilities.

COOK SCHOOL NEWS



Rachael Baker, Rebecca Pierce and Shalene Cody displaying Certificates of Achievement in recognition of receiving an Honorable Mention in the Maine Secretary of State Poster Contest.

Our assembly began with a special presentation by the fourth and fifth graders. After reciting "The Pledge" and our National Anthem, each student shared information about Memorial Day. The students did a great job learning their parts. Mr. Parker played "Taps" for us, and then the whole school joined in and sang "God Bless the U.S.A."

Our Terrific Kids this week are Hannah Audibert, Cassidy Parker, and Trevor Lyford. Mrs. Beasley tells us that Hannah is a sweet and friendly girl. She is always kind to the other students and to the teachers. She puts a lot of effort into everything she does. Mrs. Carter says that Cassidy could be the Terrific Kid every week. She always does what is asked of her, and goes above and beyond on all her work. She puts 110% into everything she does. She always has her homework, planner, and anything else she needs, and Cassidy is a great friend in our classroom. Miss K. tells us that Trevor is an outstanding student. He handles difficult issues appropriately. Trevor works hard every day. He loves reading and it is great to see the joy he gets out of reading a good book. Congratulations to you all!

Bus students for the week are Lindsay, April, and Sonny. Good job making good choices on the bus! We sang happy birthday to Jon Harrington, who will be 12 on May 28. Move and Improve winners for the week are Haley M., Kortnie, Lindsay, Sonny, Dakota, and Trevor. Staff winner (again) was Ms. Grant. We will continue to do Move and Improve drawings until June 9, the date of our last Terrific Kid assembly. Our end of the year assembly will be on June 14 at 8:30. At this time, we will have the big drawing for the bikes. Caught Being Good bags went to Bridgette, Isaiah, Josh L., Billy, and Ryan.

Jen Stone reported that the magic show and spring fling went very well, and will be done again next year. She gave a special award to Tyler Tibbetts for doing a great job at the last play date, and offering to help clean up at the end of it. We are proud of you Tyler! Congratulations to all our Terrific Kids.

COOK SCHOOL TERRIFIC KIDS



During innings at the Guilford game, there was time for a quick picture. Pictured L-R is Short stop Mindy Dolley, Senior, catcher Kylie "Boom-Boom" Palmer and another golden glove player, Suzanne Johnson.



Pictured is the other senior, Ana Rodriguez. Ana has played solid infield for the Lady Pats all year and comes up big whenever her team needs her.

BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY NEWS

On Monday everyone at Brownville Elementary K-6, visited the Maine Center for the Arts to enjoy the Youth Concert presented by the Bangor Symphony Orchestra. This

wonderful opportunity was made possible by a grant from A.E. Robinson Oil. We thank them for their generosity.



Students from Lagrange and Brownville traveled to Dover-Foxcroft to participate in "Kids and Trees Growing Together" sponsored by Steve Law. Matt Vachon, Coltin Durant and Sarah Willinski are shown here planting their seedlings. Thank you Mr. Law



The district's 5th and 6th grade band has been working very hard for the last several weeks preparing to march in the Memorial Day parade. Mr. Eastman has amazed the staff with the tremendous progress of these young musicians. He's developed a love of music in the majority of 5th and 6th graders. We all hope these students stick with band right through high school.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

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WANTED:

Reporter for Three Rivers News

We would like to add more local news to the newspaper. We are looking for a volunteer reporter to cover meetings, community activities, etc. News items would need to be e-mailed to Val Robertson or Nancy Grant, our editors. Please contact Val, Nancy or Chris Beres if you would be interested in doing this.

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!



GRAMMIE'S WEATHER

MAY-JUNE 1988

29-Sunny L wind-62° at noon.

30-M sunny-34° at 5:20 am.

31-Fog Cloudy P sunny am Sunny windy pm.

1-Sunny windy-34° at 9:15 pm.

2-Frost sunny windy L showers-48° at 1 pm.

3-Frost sunny windy-50° at noon.

4- Frost sunny L wind-22° at 5:20 am.



Last Saturday night was Prom Night for Penquis Valley students and these couples took some time for pictures for a large group of parents and friends at the gazebo. What an attractive group!

Little League Teams Rosters

RED SOX

Coach Marilyn Zwicker

Colby?

Noah Allen

Dustin Chadborne

Mindy Corson

Zach Eells

Zac Gendron

Aaron Goodine

Ryan Hibbs

Cody Larrabee

Colton Larrabee

Trevor Lyford

Blake Morrison

Zach Slagle

Cameron Westmoreland

BRAVES:

Coaches: Tony Heal Chris Cowing

Rachel Baker

Cody Cobb

George Cowing

Jason Durant

Cobe Durant

Colby Gahagan

Laura Gray

Josh Gray

Chris Johnson

David Newbert

Tyler Pelletier

Dakota Phelps

Rebecca Pierce

Destiny Ray

YANKEES

Coaches: Joey McGlaughlin Mary Bess

Devon Armstrong

Isaiah Bess

Hannah Bess

Zach Blakeman

Jessica Clement

Becca Glidden

Kendra Hall
Darren Lewis
Hunter Lewis
Shane McSwine
Riley McGlaughlin
Gage McGlaughlin
Harmony Pierce
Rachel Whitten

CUBS

Coaches: Brent Morrill Steven Beals

Jacob Barnaby

Erica Barnaby

Skylar Beard

Britney Curtis

Brianne Dillon

Kyle Durant

Colton Durant

Austin Fogg

Greg Hathorn

Anthony Murano

Henry Patten

Telose Wallace

Kineo Wallace

METS

Coaches: Chuckie Stevens Charlie Herbest

Josh Blanchard

Shawn Carey

Chris Crescilius

Shane Emery

Kendra Herbest

Derek Johnson

Jona Johnson

Dakota Knowlton

Caitlyn Julliette

Ben Lufkin

Zach Lufkin

Klay Stevens

Alex Zelkan

The Civil Rights Teams from Milo Elementary and Brownville



Elementary joined 1,500 other students from around the State of Maine on May 8th at the Augusta Civic Center for a Civil Rights Conference. All of the participants represented our schools and communities exceptionally. We should all be proud to have such great students to spread kindness, respect, and appreciation. Pictured are the two teams wearing their team tee shirts. Milo's participants (who were led by Susan Davis) from Top to bottom are: Darren Lewis, Josh Brown, Kambrea Atkinson, Ashley Goodine, William Dean, Klay

Stevens, Brooke Morrill, Hayley Knowles, Kendra Hall, Andrew Kelley, Peter Morse, George Cowing, Kendra Herbest, Danielle Hoglund, Allie Barnaby, Camille Cramer, and Miranda Andrick. Brownville's Participants are: Shayne McSwine, Anthony Murano, Alex Slagle, Zachary Eells, Krishanna Cook, Mindy Corson, Sarah Willinski, Dakota Howe, Jordan O'Quinn, Stephanie Vachon, Brownville's Team Leaders Donna Bickford and Terrie Zelkan, Taylor Lovejoy, Hayley Durant, Ryan Heath, Alex Zelkan, Chelsea Cobb, Jessica Clement, Rachel Worster, Josh Stanhope, Jason Durant, Caitlyn Durant and Brittany Lalime.

Kearns Family "Reunion"



Hi Bill... (This is an e-mail received and submitted by Bill Sawtell).
 Nice to see you at the restaurant in Milo last week. The whole purpose of our trip was to surprise Deanna Kearns for her 60th birthday which was May 15th. Deanna, Donald, Dawn & Tracy all live in Florida and John and Leigh Anne live in Brownville and Milo. It's not easy getting all her children together at one time anymore. So, we gave Deanna an airplane ticket for her birthday. What she didn't know was that Donald, Dawn & Tracy also had a flight the next day to fly up to surprise her. And surprise her we did.....at the restaurant. She also didn't know that we had planned a surprise party with lots of friends and family at the Brownville Junction alumni building for Saturday. What a great day that was to celebrate her 60th birthday surrounded by friends and family. The picture is of all of us.... from left to right: Donald Kearns (Largo, FL), John Kearns (Brownville), Tracy Kearns Caraker (SpringHill, FL), Leigh Anne Kearns Gorecki (Milo), Dawn Kearns McMillan (Seminole, FL) and Deanna Kearns (Largo, FL). Deanna's sister Cathy Morrill was also a HUGE part in making this all come to life. It was great to see everyone again
 I would like to say a big thank you for everyone that came and made my Mom's birthday a special one.

Thanks Bill! Dawn Kearns McMillan

Note of Thanks:

Hugh M. Thomas and family would like to thank everyone for all of the prayers, gifts, and kindnesses extended to them at the passing of their wife and mother Pauline L. Thomas.

Save Gas Ride local - NCRC hosts first Game Show of the season in Dexter

DEXTER - The North Country Riding Club will be holding their first horse show of the 2006 season, Sunday, June 04th with members and participants coming from all over Central & Northern Maine. The upcoming "All Ribbon Equitation Show" has 40 Classes focusing everything from halter classes, English & Western classes to Lead Line for the youngest rider, draft / draft-cross halter class, driving classes and jumping. The NCRC shows are at Bud Ellms Field in the North Country Riding Club Arena in Dexter. Show registration is at 8 am; Show time is 8:30 AM and will be held rain or shine. All horses must have current rabies and coggins papers upon entering the Show Grounds for the safety of all horses.

- Free spectator admission
- Great food available all day
- 50/50 raffle
- Fresh Water available for horses
- Free parking to all
- Ride to music

Pre-registration forms, Rules & Regulation List and Class Lists are all available at www.DexterRidingClub.com. Also, check out the website for directions/map to the arena and/or monthly meetings. NCRC holds their monthly meeting the last Wednesday of the month and the public is invited. The next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday, May 31st at the NCRC show ring to do some clean up in preparation for the show. Spectator admission & parking is free and you can grab a bite to eat from the Dexter Sports Boosters food booth cooking up breakfast from Game start, and continuing cooking their famous homemade fries, burgers, sausage and cold drinks for the entire day. All proceeds from the Dexter Football Boosters food sales go to Dexter Schools Programs. There will be other equine type vendors also attending to sell their wares to the participants and spectators as well.

NCRC's schedule for the 2006 season is:

- June 4: Equitation Show: Judge Erica Davis
- July 2: Game Show
- August 6: Wild West Weekend Equitation Show: Judge Jayne Gray
- September 24: Trail Trials

For further information, contact us info@DexterRidingClub.com or call 207.924.3067

MILO FIRE DEPT 100TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING Thursday, June 1st @ 6:30 pm @ the Milo Town Hall. Mark your calendars for July 21, 22 & 23 as the Milo Fire Dept celebrates 100 years of service. Events that have been scheduled include a doll carriage/bike parade Friday night, huge parade Saturday @ 10:00 am along with street vendors, Tennis Tourney, Street dance @ Milo Farmers Union Saturday night featuring "Rivertown" and "Spill Milk". Sunday starts off with a Golf Tourney, Canoe race at 10:00, barbecue in the afternoon, fireworks in the evening with a lighted boat parade. Anyone interested please come to the meeting. Fund raising ideas welcomed. Donations can be made @ the Milo Town Office, PO Box 218, Milo ME 04463 Fire Dept's, Businesses, Organizations or Individuals get your floats ready for the huge parade!

Every Tuesday from May 30 to November 7, 2006
 Central Maine Republican Women Open House
 at Piscataquis County Republican Headquarters
 66 West Main, D-F (upstairs)
 1 to 7 pm. To visit the Republican Headquarters at other times
 Call for more info 564-0856 or 564-8739

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

What a busy week! We started Monday with Melissa Hill conducting her last Preschool Story Hour of the spring term. There were two little girls present and two caregivers. One of the favorite stories read was Froggy Goes Swimming by Jonathan London. Froggy is a delightful froggy personage filled with the fears and delights of early elementary children. The little girls also worked on award shaped book marks which they decorated with glitter glue and stickers. Melissa then gave each of the girl's two new gift books in which to insert their handmade book marks. A big surprise for Melissa, Pam and I were lovely fresh carnations given to us by Camryn Rolfe, with some help from her grandmother, Linda. Camryn will be graduating from the Preschool Hour this spring and the flowers were a thank-you gift to us all. Thank you, Camryn, the group will miss you.

Wednesday brought the final meeting of the Kiwanis Kids Korner for this spring semester. Don and Frank walked the 26 children down to the library where Val, Dottie and Key Club member Josh Clement were setting out Kool Aid drinks, cupcakes and ice cream bars for the final party. Josh is only a freshman, but he has already done many hours of volunteer work required by the high school. He is responsible and concerned in caring for the "Kids". Theresa Karpowicz was also present as a helper. As this was the last session, the "Kids" did not borrow any library books, but were able to enjoy a longer library period. Many of the youngsters sat around in groups enjoying books together. One little kindergartner selected an aisle for himself, and lay prone while reading his picture book. When finished, he came to the desk and said he had read the entire book. What a difference a year makes in a child's life with great thanks to teachers. Val, Dottie, Don and Frank also make a difference to the children who attend the Kiwanis Kids sessions. These programs help the children to know the library is a pleasant and enjoyable place to visit. As the children left the library on this final spring session, Dottie gave them each a chocolate lollipop in the shape of an ice cream cone. She had painted the chocolate to look just like a miniature ice cream cone on a stick. They were adorable! What an extra special treat! She put a lot of time into the creation. She also presented one each to Pam and me. Thank you, Dottie. You are very clever.

On Thursday Pam and I attended a meeting of our own. We went to the Black Bear Inn to take part in a Gates Rural Library Sustainability Workshop. There were approximately 60 librarians attending. The morning was especially busy. After a short social time the meeting began sharply at 9:00. There were introductions around each table, then information about Web Junction and Tech Atlas. Ideas were flying everywhere on new project possibilities for libraries. Funding, staff training, outreach, advocates, and technology were the subjects under discussion. I could hardly keep everything straight and was very glad when we had a break for a much needed lunch. In the lunch room we were again with new groups at different tables-a great chance to visit with more librarians. I sat next to Ben Marquis, a circuit rider. A circuit rider is employed by MSLN (Maine School and Library Network) to help libraries wherever their knowledge of technology is needed. Ben is the circuit rider for NMLD (Northern Maine Library District). It was really interesting to talk to him and the others at the table. Pam had equally interesting lunch companions, and we both enjoyed many new ideas. After lunch, we had more general discussions of how to solve everyday library problems, and how to help the library become even more useful to the community. All in all we had a busy but productive day and came away with many innovative ideas that we are anxious to try.

PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES and TALES (all about pets) Summer Reading Program is on the way. The program begins on JUNE 19 which is coming up quickly. Since our Preschool and Kiwanis programs have ended, we are looking forward to having lots of children sign up for the library summer program. Children can sign up at anytime from June 19 on. The earlier they sign up, the more fun they'll have. Books on pets (both fiction and care), mystery books, joke books, all kinds of books, plus mascots (there will be 5), food prizes, toy giveaways, games, story times and a final party are some of the featured fun for this year's program. If

you or your child have questions about the program, come into the library earlier or call, and we will be glad to answer them.

Library Summer Hours
Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00
Telephone 943-2612

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathryn Witham

Several months ago my boss Shirley Wright...who had just been hired to be the Superintendent of Schools...asked her staff to appear at a school board meeting to explain a little about the history of our employment, and to tell the board how we felt about educating children. This is what I shared with the board that night:

Twenty six years ago the best job for a mom of two school aged children was a job with the school. I'm not sure, but I'm thinking the same is true today. The late 70's and early 80's had seen the cost of everything rise...oil, gasoline, groceries. All of the commodities, that we had previously been able to afford on one salary...were now taking a second income to acquire. Unlike my mother, who got to stay home and raise her children, young wives in my generation and the following generations have found it necessary to work outside the home in order to make ends meet. I juggled a number of part-time jobs, including substitute teaching, for a number of years before being hired to my full time position, which actually has always been a somewhat part-time job at M.S.A.D. #41.

School jobs were coveted...hard to come by...and very competitive. Women my age were vying for those much sought after positions at the beginning of each new school year, sometimes with such extreme gusto that feelings got hurt and friendships were disrupted because of the competition. There was little turnover in personnel, but I lucked out by replacing a woman who was ready to retire at the old Brownville Village School. Being hired to work in that old drafty building with it's smelly subterranean bathrooms wasn't exactly a cream-of-the-crop job; but I didn't mind traveling to Brownville every day...and although the trip up over Swett as well as School Street Hills could be harrowing in the winter, I made a nice niche for myself there, and I remain as proud a member of the Brownville community as I am a member of my hometown of Milo. I have never once regretted the decision I made to take the Brownville job...nor my decision, over the years, to stay there.

In 1980 when I was hired to be a teacher aide. Half of my job was working with kids in the Title I program and the other half of my job was clerical. I loved working with the children, but having graduated from Husson College in Secretarial Science, my first love was the clerical part of my job. I was in on the ground floor with computers, copy machines, and all of the other trends that busy offices have enjoyed over the course of years. I have also considered myself lucky to have Superintendents and Principals who were progressive in their thinking...affording me the luxury of not only having these wonderful new innovations, but providing me the wherewithal to learn to use them.

When the new school was conceived, a decision was made to put a full time principal into the new school...Brownville and LaGrange would no longer have to share a principal with Milo Elementary. That new principal would need a secretary and I was offered the job. My days as a teacher aide were over....but my love of children and the educating of them has never ended. A pre-requisite of working in a school must include loving children. Our success in educating children depends on this.

I have always felt that another basic rule that we must never lose sight of is this...bottom line...**it is all about the children**. It's not about the money and the budgets, it's not about the standards or the curriculum, it's not about the soccer or basketball programs, it's not about the lunch program or the facilities or the bus fleet...**it's about the children**....every single one of them. Parents aren't keeping the good kids to home...they are sending them all to us, good and bad, to love and to nurture

and to teach. I want to work for a school system that leaves not one child on the back burner, but considers the needs of all of the children in these communities...individually....and strives to make **each** child a success.

I fear that in the hub-bub of bringing our whole selves into alignment with what is standard, that we are forgetting that we don't want our children to just be considered standard. We want them to be considered outstanding. I would love to see the beautiful faces of our staff and students smeared all over the news every day like a magnet, attracting attention because we are the model to which all schools and students in Maine aspire. I think our goal as educators should be: to so successfully educate each child that passes our way, that they feel they can do anything....from knit a scarf to rule the free world.

This recipe appeared on my desk this morning:

Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Chip Crescents

1/2 cup Reese's Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Chips
2 Tbs. finely chopped nuts
1 can (8 oz) refrigerated quick crescent dinner rolls
Peanut Butter Chocolate Drizzle or powdered sugar (if you want)

Heat oven to 375 degrees
Stir together the chips and nuts in a small bowl. Unroll the dough to form 8 triangles. Lightly sprinkle 1 heaping Tbs. of the chip and nut mixture on top of each; gently press into the dough. Starting at the shortest side of the triangle, roll the dough to the opposite point. Place the rolls, point side down, on an ungreased cookie sheet; curve into a crescent shape. Bake 10 - 12 minutes or until golden brown. Top with Chocolate Drizzle or sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve Warm.

Chocolate Drizzle: Place 1/4 cup of the Reese's Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Chips and 1 tsp. of shortening (don't use butter or margarine or oil) into a small microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high for 30 seconds. Stir. If necessary, microwave an additional 15 seconds at a time stirring after each time just until the chips are melted. Drizzle with a spoon or place melted chip mixture into a small baggie and cut out a little tip end to squeeze on the rolls.

Congratulations, Heidi!!!

By Patty Smith

Heidi Finson, Center Coordinator at the Penquis CAP Head Start Center in Milo, attended a Hooding Ceremony on May 12, 2006 receiving her Masters Degree in Early Intervention. Heidi has been working toward this degree for three and a half years while working at the Head Start center, teaching preschoolers, and providing social service support to families.

Heidi first became involved with the Head Start Program 20 years ago as a parent who volunteered in the classroom and who represented the Center's parent group as their Policy Council representative. She was hired in 1987 as the Assistant Center Coordinator at the Head Start center in Dexter. She then worked at the Head Start Center in Old Town for a year and then at our center in Dover-Foxcroft for a year as an Assistant Center Coordinator. In 1990 Heidi took the position of Center Coordinator at the Penquis Head Start center in Milo and remains in that position today.

Milo is where Heidi grew up and she has many connections with family and friends in this area. When I think of Heidi, I think of the word dedication. Heidi is dedicated to the children and families with whom she works. Her drive to continue her education in the field of early intervention is because of her genuine interest in helping children and families. I know I speak for everyone in the Penquis CAP family when I say congratulations!!!

We are very proud of you!!!

Summer Camp for Children

Submitted by Sheila Grant

The Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District announces plans for this year's summer camp. The annual hands - on summer camp makes learning fun and gives children an opportunity to explore the natural resources of the region.

This year the camp will be offered in the morning from 9:00AM to Noontime for children ages 7 - 12. Enrollment is limited to 30 children. The Foxcroft Academy is donating space in their Student Center for the camp which will be held from June 26th to 30th and also from July 10th to 14th.

Our Natural Resources Summer Camp will be held from June 26th to 30th. Participants will gather at the Foxcroft Academy Student Center to learn about insects, soils, woodlands, water, wildlife, and more, then spend time outdoors with our natural resource presenters. Entomologist Clay Kirby will present a slide show about insects and how to capture them and then children will be able catch and release native Maine insects. Children will learn how to identify soil layers in the forest with Soil scientist Ron Olson of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Gordon Moore, of the Maine Forest Service, will lead children in identifying different tree species and estimating their age. Children will explore insects in a bog and also in running water, learning about water quality with Dan Kusnierz, the Water Resources Program Manager from the Penobscot Indian Nation. Doug Kane of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife will take children to explore wildlife habitats.

Our Agricultural Tours Summer Camp will be held from July 10th to 14th. Participants will gather at the Foxcroft Academy Student Center, and then leave from there to go on farm tours. The Breakneck Ridge Farm in Blanchard will teach children about raising buffalo and the maple syrup process. The children will harvest crops at Stutzman's Farm in Sangerville. They will learn about raising game birds at Three Rivers Wing Shoot in Milo. At the Gilrock Dairy Farm in Sangerville, children will see cows and the milking process. Horse care and equestrian skills will be taught at Infinity Farm in Dover - Foxcroft. Nutrition education will be integrated into the summer camp curriculum. Children will also do natural resource based arts and crafts, and play therapeutic recreation games.

Community support for this summer camp is provided with funding from The Dover - Foxcroft Kiwanis and the Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis. Additional funding is provided by the Milo Garden Club. Craft materials are donated by the Palmyra Wal-Mart.

These camps are made possible due to the guest speakers donating their time to put on presentations, and also the farm families that host our children during the week. Staff of the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District, and the parents of children provide supervision and guide children in the daily summer camp activities.

Children will need to wear sturdy shoes that can get wet and muddy. Parents should also plan on providing sun screen, insect repellent, and water bottles. Snacks will be provided by the Save-a-Lot Food Store in Dover-Foxcroft, and by Horizon Organics.

For more information and for registration, please contact the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District by calling 564 - 2321, extension 3, or stop by our office at 42 Pine Crest Drive in Dover - Foxcroft.

JUNE BLOOD DRIVE IN MILO TO HONOR THE MEMORY OF MURREL HARRIS

Submitted by Phil Gerow

Each summer Phil Gerow and other concerned Milo citizens sponsor a blood drive for the American Red Cross. The date for the next drive is Tuesday, June 20, at the Milo Town Hall dining room and was confirmed by Murrel earlier in the year.



Assisting with the drive will be members of the Penquis Valley Key Club. Murrel served as Kiwanis President and was very involved with the youth of the schools, serving as baseball coach, athletic director, and Milo recreation director.

When Murrel's wife Laurel was told the drive would be in her husband's memory; she was very pleased. She said that Murrel would have liked that.

The drive will be from 2 to 7 pm. Cards will be sent out to previous recent donors and telephone calls will also be made to donors. If you are not contacted please call Phil Gerow at 943-2046 after June 14. It is hoped that many will respond.

Summer time is a difficult time for blood donors as many people are away on vacation so we hope you can spare an hour's time to make a donation. Remember; the life you save could be your own! I know! When I had my triple bypass a year ago I needed three pints of blood and was thankful there was plenty on hand.

We hope to see you on Tuesday, June 20, 2 to 7 pm at the Milo Town Hall dining room.

In Memoriam

RICHARD F. THOMPSON SR. HOWLAND - Richard F. Thompson Sr., 74, husband of Patricia (Blake) Thompson, died May 20, 2006, at a Lincoln hospital. He was born Dec. 31, 1931, in Lincoln, the son of Frederick Thompson and Ruth (Lancaster) Vigue. Richard attended Howland schools. He was very active in his community, serving on the board of selectmen, and was involved in the Howland Fire Department. He was instrumental in maintaining the town skating rink, was past president of the Twin Rivers Snowmobile Club, who had dedicated a trail in his name. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 168 of Lagrange. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and four-wheeling. He always looked forward to hunting camp every year and enjoyed his camp on West Lake. He also enjoyed his motorcycle trips and trips to Las Vegas, Nev. In addition to his wife, Patricia, he is survived by six children, Vanessa McElroy and her husband, Keith, Diane Williams and her husband, Greg, Rick Thompson and his wife, Judy, Jean Cyr and her husband, Leo, Kelly Harris and her husband, Ricky and Carol Moon and her husband, Hollis; siblings, Pauline Doane and her husband, Milton, Raymond Thompson and his wife, Carolyn and Dorothy Williams and her husband, William; stepmother, Della Thompson; nine grandchildren, Jodi, Billie Jo, Amy, Aaron, Cody, Molly, Nathan, Adam and Matthew; nine great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepfather, Timothy Vigue; and two sisters, Alice Rinas and Dallas Parker. Funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Cancer Care of Maine, care of Eastern Maine Charities, P.O. Box 404, Bangor, ME 04402 or a charity of your choice. Arrangements with Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln. For an online guest book, please visit www.clayfuneralhome.com

ALAN ARTHUR PHILBROOK EAST PITTSTON - Alan A. Philbrook, 57, died peacefully Wednesday, May 24, 2006, at home. He was born July 12, 1948, in Dover-Foxcroft, the son of Glenn and Mary Strout Philbrook of Milo. He grew up in Waterbury, Conn., with frequent visits to Maine, to build and vacation in the family camp on Schoodic Lake in Piscataquis County. Alan was an Eagle Scout, the skills of which he used forever after in everyday living. Alan graduated from New York Maritime College in Fort Schuyler, N.Y., and had multiple careers in marine engineering, teaching and home building while raising a family and back to merchant marine engineering when his children were grown. In later years, he also performed weddings with a heartfelt, personal touch. Al's courageous fight

with cancer was true to his life of standing tall and fighting for what he believed in. His leadership in the Maine Nuclear Referendum, which accomplished the closure of Maine Yankee, and his participation in local environmental issues and publishing the Pittston News are examples of how he lived his life as a concerned citizen. Besides active citizenship, Al was an avid gardener, cut his own firewood, built the homes he lived in, and was the kind of Dad who got excited about taking his children trick-or-treating, pitching horseshoes with his uncles, riding his Harley, playing volleyball in the yard, snowmobiling with his Dad, playing with his grandchildren, and entertaining his family and many friends on special occasions. He was quick to pick up a hammer or shovel to help anyone who needed it. Alan's personality has been described by friends as "a great neighbor," and "larger than life." He could always come up with a humorous remark to save a situation Alan is survived by his wife of 36 years, Patricia Sullivan Philbrook; their son, Ben A. Philbrook and daughter-in-law, Heather Tucceri Philbrook, of Randolph; daughter, Amy Philbrook McLean and son-in-law, Douglas McLean, of Canberra, Australia; son, Jesse G. Philbrook and daughter-in-law, Samantha Angennate Philbrook, of Pittston; grandchildren, Jillian Laura Philbrook, Olivia Adelle Philbrook, Isac Paul Philbrook, and Jared Arthur Philbrook; sister, Donna Philbrook McGee of Virginia. A celebration of Alan's life will be held 2 p.m. June 3, in the home that Al built. All friends and family are welcome. In lieu of flowers, Alan wanted everyone to plant a tree in a place of their choice, and he said with a grin, "All bikers should go to Sturgis!"

ELIZABETH L. CONNORS WINTHROP - Elizabeth (Betty) Connors, 85, died Thursday, May 25, 2006. She was born Oct. 25, 1920, in Sebec, the daughter of Clarence and Elva (Pickard) Ireland. She was a graduate of Foxcroft Academy, Class of 1938 and Gates Business College in Augusta, Class of 1940. Betty, also known as "BettyBoop" will be fondly remembered for her baking skills. She loved to bake pastries and shared them generously. Mrs. Connors was predeceased by two brothers, Ireland and Ireland. She is survived by two sons, Connors and his wife, Harriet, of North Monmouth and Stanley P. Connors and his wife, Sheri, of Newton, Mass.; a daughter, Cynthia Connors, of Nashville, Tenn.; six grandchildren, Geoffrey, Kathy, Beth, Michael, Brian and Kristen; along with several nephews and five cousins. A memorial service will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday at Roberts Funeral Home, 62 Bowdoin St., Winthrop A graveside service will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Sebec Corner Cemetery. In lieu of floral memorials, donations may be made to the Sebec Historical Society, 388 North Rd., Sebec, ME 04481. Please include a note identifying your donation in honor of Elizabeth Connors. www.khfuneralhomes.com



THREE RIVERS KIWANIS

CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

The Three Rivers Kiwanis of Milo/Brownville meets each Wednesday morning at 6:30 at The Restaurant in Milo to share ideas, plan events for children and the community, enjoy the company of friends, and listen to speakers on a wide variety of topics. All are welcome to join us. If you are interested in becoming a member of the club please contact any Kiwanian. May 24, 2006 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Chris Beres greeted twenty-one members, four Key club members, nine guests, an interclub of five from Dexter Kiwanis and an interclub of four from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, and honorary member, Jeremy Finson.

The flag salute was led by Eben DeWitt. Herb Dunham led us in prayer today, especially praying for our troops. Don Harris read the inspirational reading today.

Correspondence: the Orono/Old Town Newsletter and the newsletter from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis were shared by those in attendance

Birthdays this week were Herb Dunham on the May 25, Eben DeWitt and Nancy Grant on May 28, AND Virgil Valente on May 28th.

Happy and Sad Dollars; Two dollars were donated by Murrel's Buttercup for all the pleasure he derived from Kiwanis, and two more dollars for all the folks of Kiwanis that Murrel was so honored to work with. Go Yankees! Two dollars were donated for a sister's help with an ill dad. A happy dollar for the Key Club seniors; they are such a pleasure to work with, for a great club, for the Red Sox, a happy dollar from the seniors Key Club members happy to be here, happy to see Herb. A sad dollar for not as young as she used to be and neither is Willie Nelson!

Reports:

Interclub. Chris Almy advises that an interclub was held at PVHS last Thursday, May 18 with Frank, Val, Paul, Dottie and Chris Almy in attendance. Chris also advises that an interclub is planned for next Thursday in Guilford.

Key Club; Paul Grindle reports that activities of Key Club are winding down for this year. Plans are to have a blood drive this summer. A day shirt tie-dyeing is planned for this week. A fun time for all!

Auction; Joe Zamboni reported that members are busy picking up items that are now being donated for the auction. Please check your e-mail to keep abreast of auction activities. Canoe race planned for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Milo Fire Dept. are underway. People are interested and are asking for information. It is being advertised on the web. Frank Cochrane passed out raffle tickets today.

5th Wednesday in May. An evening supper/social hour is planned for Wednesday evening, May 31, at the Junction in Brownville Junction. Please see Chris Beres if you

wish to attend this meeting. Guests are welcome. Jeff Gahagan will be the auctioneer for the social event, in practice for the real deal in June.

Our speaker today is Bob Moore from Bob's Sugar House in Dover-Foxcroft. Bob gave a very interesting talk about the gathering and production of maple syrup. He stated that he became interested in maple sugar production at 10 years of age and has remained interested ever since. He explained his early start.

The State of Maine is increasing in the production of maple syrup. Somerset County is the largest producer of maple syrup in Maine. Canada and the state of Vermont also produce large quantities.

Bob described the fire that his business suffered in 2001; a great loss. Many people from all over the state did help so that his business could continue, even his competitors helped.

We thanked Bob for the very informative talk today.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.

These Babies Need Homes



These beautiful healthy 3 month old kittens are looking for a home. They are currently at PAWS on Clinton Street in Milo. All of our kittens have been rescued from abandonment or neglect. Please help be part of the solution and spay or neuter your pets!! Every year thousands of kittens are left homeless. We must make a difference!!

Summer Pet Care Tips

Never leave your pet in a car which can quickly turn into an oven even with the windows slightly open.

Give your pet plenty of cool, clean water at all times.

Provide plenty of shade for a dog that stays outside.

Do not leave your pet shut in an empty house or tied outside while on vacation.

Never force your dog to run in very hot, humid weather.

Watch out for fleas and ticks that may infest your pet.

If you have a cat that needs to be spayed or neutered, call Julie Gallagher at 943-5083 and she will tell you your options. PETS, a low-cost spay/neuter program for residents in our area can help defray the cost by up to 50%.

If you would like to help our shelter financially, you can mail a donation to;

Julie Gallagher, Director

PAWS

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