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PVHS ADULT ED NEWS

INTRODUCTION TO NEEDLWORK ARTS STARTS SEPTEMBER 27TH

Are you interested in learning new methods of needlework and/or spending time with others who share the same interests? The Introduction to Needlework Arts will be taught by Ginger Reynolds and begins with knitting and crocheting. Embroidery, crewel, ribbon embroidery, tatting, needlepoint, and hand quilting are skills that may also be taught. Choices will be guided by the interest of the students. Experienced students are welcome to come and add new skills and techniques. Bring an unfinished project or your imagination to class. The class will run every Wednesday for 8 weeks from 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Pre-registration is required and may be done over the phone by calling Stephanie at 943-7317.

PCEDC SEEKS MYRICK AWARD NOMINATIONS

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The Executive Committee of the Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) is seeking nominations for the fourth annual Warren "Pete" Myrick Community Service Award, to be presented at the annual meeting of the PCEDC Board of Directors in December.

The Myrick Award will be given by the Executive Committee to recognize a Piscataquis County resident, business or organization who exemplifies Pete Myrick's concern for and commitment to education, economic development and/or civic leadership in the region.

Myrick, a Guilford resident who died in 2002, was a longtime educator in MSAD #4 and one of the founders of the PCEDC, serving as the council's president in 2001.

Previous winners are Owen Pratt, retired Dover-Foxcroft town manager, in 2003; Merlene Sanborn, director of the Penquis Higher Education Center, in 2004; and Roger Merchant of the Piscataquis County Cooperative Extension Service in 2005.

Criteria to be considered in determining the award winner will include the overall impact of the candidate's accomplishments, the duration of the candidate's engagement in community service activities, and the breadth of involvement in the community.

Nominations for the award must be submitted no later than Oct. 3 to the Executive Committee, which will be responsible for selecting the annual award winner. The application should consist of a 1-2 page letter that details how the candidate meets the award criteria in the specific areas of education,

economic development and/or civic leadership. Supporting documentation may be attached to the application letter, and the application must be mailed to John Holden, Acting Executive Director, Piscataquis County Economic Development Council, 50 Mayo St., Dover-Foxcroft, Maine, 04426

SCARY THOUGHTS

Scary Thoughts is a short-story writing contest sponsored by Second Thoughts Book Shop in Milo. This contest is free and open to first graders to adults.

We are looking for scary stories involving ghosts or ghouls or monsters or a plot that is suspenseful or hair-raising. The deadline for entries is Friday, October 20. To enter send a double-spaced typed or neatly written copy of your story to Second Thoughts at 5 Elm Street in Milo, ME 04463.

Write your name and grade on the envelope along with the story title. Please do not write you name on the story. Always keep a copy of your story for yourself. Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for the return of your story.

Categories include: 1st to 3rd grade – 4th to 6th grade – 7th to 8th grade – 9th to 12th grade – Adults of all ages.

Call 943-2400 for more information.

Baked Bean Supper

BJHS Alumni Hall

Saturday, September 30, 2006

5:00 to 6:30

Adults \$6 Children 12 and under

\$3.00

Menu: Baked Beans, Hot dogs,
Cole Slaw, Brown Bread, Biscuits,
Pickles

Homemade assorted pies, beverages

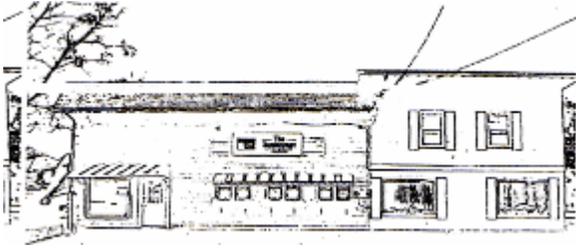
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Open house for Weight Watchers.

**Sept. 26, Tuesday at Milo Elementary 3:00.
If you're interested please join us.**

THE RESTAURANT NEWS'



Hello from all of us at 'THE RESTAURANT'

Thursday 28th – Named after us, The Restaurant sandwich is a filling lunch. Grilled chicken, bacon, ham and cheddar cheese. Be sure to give it a try.

Friday 29th – A great vegetable choice is our Zucchini Pie. We will be offering it today....hurry before it is all gone.

Saturday 30th – Our Saturday night favorite is Beans and Franks.

Sunday October 1st - Turkey dinner with stuffing, potato, squash and a roll. You don't have to wait until Thanksgiving to enjoy this comfort meal!

The leaves are changing and the weather is getting cooler. We try to have a different soup everyday. Stop by to see what is on the menu today.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS



Cook School News

Mrs. Worcester honored Jordan Prendergast, Lindsay Turner and Bridgette Spinney as Terrific Kids at our September 22 assembly. Miss Brown said that Jordan is very polite, helps others and follows directions. Jordan was also commended for her listening skills and for being very helpful in the classroom. Miss K. said that Lindsay is Terrific every week. Lindsay stepped on a deer antler a few weeks ago and cut her foot. She continued to attend school on crutches

or in a wheel chair. A real troUper!! Lindsay works hard every day and produces excellent academic work. She's always trying to do even better. Lindsay does all of her homework and has her Planner signed each day. Mrs. Carter has enjoyed observing how easily Bridgette has adapted to becoming a second grader. Bridgette is a joy to have in the classroom. She never complains, always goes above and beyond and is a great friend to all. Bridgette always returns her homework and signed Planner.

Bus Kids: Tyler, Justin B., Cameron

Mrs. Worcester presented Miss K. and Mrs. Carter with Awesome Adult Awards. Miss K. was recognized for organizing our September 11 Remembrance. Mrs. Carter received her award for organizing our Constitution Day celebration.

Birthdays: Kendra Cross (10), Mrs. Worcester (40??????????)

Mrs. Worcester announced that this years Race For Cure raised over \$180,000 for breast cancer research. We are very proud that many of our staff participated in this year's event. There was also loud applause for Ms. Edie's generous donation of \$50 to our playground fund. Caught Being Good Bags: Sha-Lynn, Cameron, Bridgette, Cassidy and Dylan.

Our thanks once again to our musical friend, Mr. Parker.



FROM BROWNVILLE CHANGE JAR

The Brownville 5th Grade held their first meeting to organize their trip to Boston fundraisers. One of the ideas was have a change jar in the classroom for the kids to drop in their change. Their goal is to save enough change to cover their meal at Burger King. The group has several other fundraisers scheduled and appreciates any support.

The Brownville Elementary School held their weekly assembly on Thursday September 21, 2006 with a huge crowd in attendance. Those honored as Terrific Kids this week were: Colin Lundin in Kindergarten, Wyatt Keller in First Grade, Jordan Durant in Second Grade, Brianne Dillon in Third Grade, Frank Worster in Fourth Grade, Leah Word in Fifth Grade and Zach Eells in Sixth Grade. Congratulations to all of Brownville Elementary Terrific Kids. Mr. Frank Cochrane was our Kiwanian Friend this week.

Happy Birthday was sung to Mrs. Ellison, and three Kindergarteners were awarded Artist of the Week Awards; Katelyn Bolstridge, Andy Gallant and Colin Lundin. Seems as though it was Colin's lucky day!! "Caught Being Good" prizes were drawn and once again the Brownville Staff would like to

thank Lumbra's Hardwoods and Robinson's Fuel Mart for their generous contributions to this program.

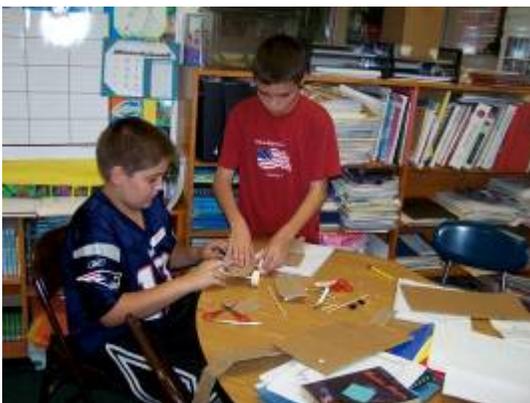


Brownville's Band comprised mostly of sixth graders...but a couple of very talented fifth graders have also joined...performed the School Song at this week's assembly. We were very proud to sing our school song accompanied by a full band.



It's time for elementary band again! Mr. Eastman has started band in the schools and here he has Trevor helping Jake with his trombone. Soon they'll be sounding like pros!!

Mrs. Thompson's science class is doing Models and Designs. Here David and Matt are constructing a wooden vehicle.



TERRIFIC KIDS IN MILO FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2006.



4-H at the 2006 Dover Fair

What is 4-H? 4-H is the youth development education program of the University of Maine Cooperation Extension. The goal of 4-H is to help youth develop as individuals and as responsible and productive citizens in their communities. 4-H is a "Learn-by-doing" hands-on program. 4-H is the largest youth organization in the world. Any youth ages 5-19 may participate in 4-H youth development programs in Maine.

Thirty-eight 4-H youth exhibited their 4-H projects at the Piscataquis Valley Fair. A total of 259 exhibits were on display in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. Youth participants were from Piscataquis and Somerset Counties. Exhibiting their 4-H projects offers youth the opportunity to show case the life skills that they have learned while doing their project(s). A special thank you goes to the following people who judged the 4-H exhibits: Catherine Benjamin, Janice Boomsma, Marcella Deitz, Shirley Drew, Rose Lindie, Delores Mayo, Hilda Mulherin, Sally Page & Cathy Thomas.

The 4-H youth exhibits are judged using the Danish System. **"What is the Danish System?"** In Danish System judging, the exhibitors are not judged against each other. In 4-H, a "modified" Danish System is used which uses standards adjusted according to age and/or years of experience. In

Maine 4-H, ribbons awarded by the Danish System are Blue for excellence, exceeding the standards; Red for good work which meets the expected standard; and White for work which falls below the expected. A very special purple ribbon may be awarded to any youth who shows outstanding work in their 4-H project. The Danish System is used in 4-H because it is a way to provide recognition to greater numbers of youth who may all be making significant progress in their projects.

Animal Land was made possible through the efforts of several dedicated people, Ron & Brenda Oldfield & Jim Curtis (4-H Volunteers). They worked together to make Animal Land a success again this year. Animal Land gives 4-H youth an opportunity to show their 4-H animal projects at the fair. A special thank you goes to the 4-H youth who cared for the animals for four days. They were responsible for feeding, grooming, cleaning up the animals' pens and for talking to the public about the animals in 4-H Animal Land. The youth were Amber, Seth & Chelsie Oldfield; Cassie Curtis, Vanessa Baird & Joanna Fricke.

The 4-H Food Booth is the one big fund-raiser for the Piscataquis County 4-H Leaders' Association. Money earned from the food booth supports 4-H activities as follows:

1. Annual 4-H Fall Fest held at the Dover YMCA
2. Youth Exchanges and Cultural experiences with other states and countries
3. Annual Maine 4-H Teen Conference held at the University of Maine in Orono
4. New England Regional 4-H Teen Conference held each August at one of the six New England college campuses
5. National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA
6. National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.
7. Citizenship Washington Focus trip to Washington, D.C.
8. Horse camp scholarships
9. Post-Secondary college scholarships
10. 4-H Animal Land and Exhibit Hall at the Piscataquis Valley Fair
11. Annual 4-H Youth Achievement Awards Program
12. Annual Guilford Business Expo
13. Annual Homecoming Parades
14. Yearly 4-H Community Service Projects
15. Community Service Partnership with Dover-Foxcroft Curves
16. Guilford River Festival Parade

The 4-H Leaders Association sponsors 4-H Youth Development activities in Piscataquis County each year. The following businesses have generously supported the 2005-2006 4-H program: Walter & Janice Boomsma - Abbot; C & J Variety - Milo; Hardwood Products - Guilford; Lander & Sons - Dover; Maine Highlands FCU - Dexter; Milo Exxon Mini Mart;

Pleasant River Lumber - Dover; Ted's Master Cleaning - Dover and 45th Parallel Corp. - Dexter.

For more information about the 4-H program or if you would like to volunteer your time and talents to assist our youth with their projects, feel free to contact the Extension Office at 564-3301 or 1-800-287-1491.

Italian Night At Valerie Jeans Bistro

On Sunday's you can enjoy your Italian favorites at Valerie Jean's on Main Street Milo.

Each meal is \$9.95 and includes a Caesar Salad and Focaccia Bread. For an entrée you may choose from the following:

- ☞ Spaghetti Carbonara*
- ☞ Baked Cheese Ravioli*
- ☞ Chicken Marsala w/roasted Potatoes*
- ☞ Shrimp Risotto w/Peas*

Reservations are strongly recommended so call 943-7470 to ensure a spot!



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
 Saturday, November 11
 9am to 1pm

BJHS Alumni Hall
 67 Railroad Ave
 Brownville Jct.



Table rentals \$15.00
 Call: Linda Coburn 965-8421
 or email: lmcoburn@rcn.com
 Sponsored by BJHS Alumni

PTO NOTES

On Wednesday, September 20th, the Milo Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization held an organizational meeting. They began planning for the Fall Frolic, discussed Santa's Secret Shop, Box Tops, Labels and Milk Caps for Education as well as many other topics.

The focus of the meeting was the upcoming Fall Frolic which involves games for the young and made-in-MSAD #41 auction for the adults. Admission price is still a box of tissues per child per family. New and old games will be offered. A costume contest and a decorated pumpkin competition to be held that evening are also in the planning stages. Two autographed books by Maine authors will be auctioned off that night. Donn Fendler is donating a copy of his book. Another local donor who would like to remain anonymous is donating a book written and signed by the author, Stephen King.

If you or your business would like to donate time to the Fall Frolic or items for the auction please contact the Milo Elementary School at 943-2122 or PTO member Victoria Eastman at 943-2400.

December 1st is the scheduled date for Santa's Secret Shop. Here is the perfect opportunity for youngsters and adults to

shop locally and conveniently for holiday gifts. Gift wrapping will be available again this year. We are hoping Santa will attend. So bring your cameras to take pictures of your child with that jolly fellow. Parents may shop at the North Pole's Book Fair that same evening.

If you are looking for beautiful wrapping paper for the holidays, remember to ask the Milo PTO about Innisbrook. This is a lovely catalogue with a wonderful selection of quality gift wrap. PTO members will be glad to take your order. Please call 943-2122 for additional information.

These events and services are offered to you with the ultimate goal of raising interest and funds for the Milo Elementary new playground. This will not only benefit the school but the community.

Other fund raising opportunities are collecting Box Tops for Education. These are logos on certain products which specifically state their purpose. Anyone can cut these off and bring them into Milo Elementary. The PTO is in the process of locating an interested individual who will collect the logos and send them to the company. Other fund raising possibilities may involve collecting labels or milk caps.

Any PTO is a non-profit organization working for the benefit of children in their community.

The next Milo Elementary PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, at 6:30 pm.

Milo Free Public Library

By Judith Macdougall

To update you on the condition of Pam's husband, Terry Flanagan, he is feeling much better. Isn't that good news! Of course, he'll have to take care not to overdo, but we are so glad he is doing well.

The column this week will be lists. Lists of books, magazines and reasons to read.

Here's some exciting fall news! We received a box of new books from Baker and Taylor. They are all processed and ready to circulate. Days are growing cooler and nights are coming sooner. We hope you see a favorite author and come in to borrow a book or two for cozy evenings.

Allan, Barbara	ANTIQUES ROADKILL (a Trash 'n Treasure novel)
Beaton, M.C.	LOVE, LIES AND LIQUOR (Agatha Raisin)
Cohen, William	DRAGON FIRE
Davis, Charles	ANGELS REST
Gerritsen, Tess	THE MEPHISTO CLUB
Kellerman, Faye	THE GARDEN OF EDEN
Koen, Karleen	DARK ANGELS
LeCarre, John	THE MISSION SONG
McDermott, Alice	AFTER THIS
McInerney, Ralph	THE PRUDENCE OF FLESH (Father Dowling)
McKay, Ami	HF THE BIRTH HOUSE
Meltzer, Brad	THE BOOK OF FATE
Michaels, Fern	FOOL ME ONCE
Phillips, Carly	CROSS MY HEART
Quindlen, Anna	RISE AND SHINE
Smith, Alexander McCall	THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TO RAIN (Isabel Dalhousie)
Smith, Lee	HF ON AGATE HILL
Tapply, William	OUT COLD
Van Lustbader, Eric	THE TESTAMENT

We also have 80 or more donated craft magazines for sale at \$.10 a piece. They were published in the 80's and early 90's. The magazines are in good condition and full of

ideas and patterns for quilting and counted cross-stitch. If you have been looking for more quilt patterns or cross-stitch designs to keep you occupied this winter, come into the library. These craft magazines are for sale at an unbeatable price.

Classic Cross-Stitch

Counted Cross Stitch Xmas Annual

Cross Stitch and Country Crafts

Country Stitch

McCall's Cross Stitch Bazaar

Stitch & Sew Bazaar

Old Fashioned Patchwork

Quilt World Xmas Annual

American Quilter

Ladies Circle Patchwork Quilts

QUILT

Craft World

And special publications:

Magic Embroidery

Fairy Tale Charted Designs

And now Even More REASONS TO READ:-

YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING TO TALK

ABOUT

IT'S ALWAYS IN STYLE

IT'S A GOOD WAY TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF

YOU CAN DISCOVER NEW HEROES

YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST NEWS

YOU CAN RELIVE EXCITING ADVENTURE

YOU'RE MORE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE

IT STIMULATES CREATIVITY

IT HELPS YOU RELAX

YOU DON'T NEED ANY SPECIAL EQUIPMENT

Melissa Hill will be having her PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR on Monday, September 25 from 3:30-4:30. There will be stories and simple crafts for the preschool crowd. I'm sorry we did not get this information out sooner but Melissa has had a rough summer and did not get to me earlier. We hope you and your little ones will be able to be with us on Monday and through the rest of the fall and winter months. MONDAY, SEPT. 25 at 3:30-4:30.

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathryn Witham

Is it just me, or are rolls of toilet paper getting smaller? They seem so skimpy these days that I decided to really check them out....number of sheets - one or two ply - price, etc. Comparatively speaking....the number of sheets and the ply have come down and the price has definitely gone up. It's like all of a sudden the price of toilet paper had gone up...and because the toilet paper manufacturers didn't want it to look like the price has gone up, they reduced the size and ply and kept the price the same. The same four-pack of toilet paper that cost \$1.00 something or other a few months ago, now costs \$2 to \$3 dollars. When you buy the \$1.00 something or other now...you get these skimpy little rolls. I guess the bottom line is ("skimp" being the operative word) if you skimp on the price of your toilet paper...you'll find out the true meaning of the word.

The same is true of cans of tuna fish and tomato soup. You can't tell me that the size of a can of tuna fish is what it was when we were growing up...even what they were when my kids were growing up. The number of ounces in a can of almost anything has been reduced so that the price can stay the same as it was. You've got to admit, it's a tricky little marketing technique. Reduce the size of the product rather than raise the price of the product. Maybe the consumer won't notice the difference if it's subtle enough.

I know I sound like one of those women who think the sizes of clothes have changed...when actually it's my own waist line that has changed. I've heard women complaining about the "new sizes." Yeah right....keep telling yourself that. I've found that the best thing you can do is buy elastic waist pants and skirts. You'll get way more bang-for-your-buck with clothes that grow or shrink with the size of your waist. With some people it's the hips and the bum that grows and shrinks. With me it's definitely the waist. And I've found that even with a diet that more or less stays the same over the weeks and months and years, it's the waist that fluctuates.

Why do you suppose it is that sizes are definitely driven by the price? I mean, a size 10 woman should be a size 10 whether she pays a lot for her clothes or skimps on the price. Do you suppose the manufacturer says, "Boy, I hope this woman realizes that because she's getting this cheap....she's going to have to buy a bigger size?" There ought to be some regulation on exact sizes. You can bet your bottom dollar that if the amount of product in a 3.9 ounce box of Jell-O wasn't accurate....all hell would break loose. Why isn't it the same for a size 10 pair of pants? And why is it that toilet paper manufacturers can get away with putting a product on the shelves that only absorbs if you use half a roll. What good is that? And there's something wrong if you can't get two good sandwiches out of a can of tuna. There, I've complained enough!

We've enjoyed having Tom around for a little vacation this week. We haven't seen much of him since he moved into his new house. Actually, we've only seen him once since his summer vacation with us at camp. He got a chance to visit with his old friends at school, visit with his friend Jon West who has been home for a little visit from Wyoming, and spent some time with his sister and his father and I.

We had a good time this morning watching an old rerun of The Dukes of Hazard. When Tom was a little kid we took him to a show at the Bangor Auditorium called "The World of Wheels." What a crowd there was that day. A couple thousand parents and little boys crammed into the auditorium to see the featured attraction....The General Lee. Bo and Luke Duke, heroes to all the little boys of the 70's and 80's, weren't going to be there....but The General Lee was! We HAD to go. I'll never forget my husband maneuvering that crowd with Tom on his shoulders, trying to get him close enough to get a gander at the famed car. Finally Carroll got him close enough for a real good look and Tom yelled down from his perch, "That isn't the real General Lee!" "What!!!" yell I, "How do you know that?" "The steering wheel is the wrong color," he yells back. I couldn't believe it....not that it wasn't the real General Lee; of course I knew it was a look-alike, but I was sure that the kid wouldn't know the difference. How wrong I was. I think I even threatened him by saying if he didn't believe it, it would be the last trip he ever took to a car show.

We're going to a lobster feed tonight. Yummo!! I'm taking an appetizer, a pumpkin dessert, and a **Chocolate Pudding Pizza**. I got the recipe from Tanya Ellison.

1 pkg. peanut butter cookie mix
1 12 oz. carton whipped cream cheese - couldn't find 12 oz. containers so bought 2-8 oz. containers and will use half of the second container.
1 3/4 cups milk
1 3.9 oz. pkg. instant chocolate pudding
1 8 oz. container of cool whip
1/4 cup mini chocolate bits

Prepare cookie mix according to package directions and spread in greased 12" pizza pan. Bake and cool. Beat cheese until smooth and spread over the crust. Mix milk with pudding and beat for 2 minutes. Spread the pudding over the cheese. Refrigerate 20 minutes or until set. Spread with Cool Whip, cover with mini chips and chill at least an hour before trying to serve. You can easily slice this in 12 servings.

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 1991

25 & 26-Rain-44° in the am.

27-Fog sunny windy.

28-Frost m. sunny-32° at 6:30 pm.

29-Sunny a while then cloudy-showers at dark.

First snow in Aroostook.

30-Sunny windy.

1-Rain-44° in the am.

IN MEMORIAM

JACQUELINE RUTH (PHILBROOK) RUSSELL MILO - Jacqueline Ruth (Philbrook) Russell, 75, wife of Charles O. Russell, passed away Sept. 21, 2006, with her family around her, at her home. Jacky was born May 7, 1931, in Mattawamkeag, to Ernest and Lula (Moore) Philbrook. She came to know Brownville Junction as her hometown and she was a proud member of the Brownville Junction High School Alumni Association, having graduated in 1949. Her Friday morning coffee club gave her something to look forward to each week and she had many friendships from the Class of 1949. Jacky was very talented with her hands and found enjoyment in knitting, quilting, cross-stitching and sewing gifts for her friends and family. She also enjoyed snapping photographs with her camera. Each photo held a memory and allowed her to cherish every moment. Jacky viewed life as a treasured gift and taught her family to live life as such. Those close to her will never forget her smile and positive attitude. Jacky was an inspiration, finding the best in all situations. She was full of life and amazing strength and never questioned God's will. Jacky was an active member of St. Francis Xavier and Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Milo. Her family will forever feel the loss of her physical presence, but her memory will live on forever in our hearts. She maintained a strong faith that she would be reunited in heaven with those who had previously passed away.

She will be lovingly remembered and sadly missed by her husband of 57 years, Charles of Milo; two sons, Wallace and his wife, Nancy, of Brownville and Mark and his wife, Diane, of Hampden. Jacky had four grandchildren whom she adored and who adored her in return, Jill Russell-Morey and her husband, Ben, of Windham, Kerri Russell-Wiles and her husband, Brian, of Brownville, Megan Russell of Brownville and Justin Russell of Bangor. Her great-granddaughter, Carly Jean Morey; and special canine companion, Lizzie, brought a lot of joy to Jacky, and she was anxiously awaiting the arrival of her second great-granddaughter. She loved her children and grandchildren unconditionally and was always extremely supportive and involved in activities that included them. Jacky was predeceased by her mother and father; brothers, Vernon and Ernest "Midge" Philbrook; her sister, Esther; two sons, Tennyson and Scott; two daughters, Esther Russell Mannisto and Lisa Russell; and her granddaughter, Starr Ann Mannisto. A memorial Mass will be conducted 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 25, at St. Francis Xavier and Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Milo, with Fr. James Robichaud officiating. Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home, Milo.

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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!



community now and in the future. We hope to see regular and new customers that evening.

Then, on Saturday, October 7, at the Milo Town Hall from 9 to 2, we are having a Wicked Big Sale of our store merchandise and more. The first 100 customers to the sale will receive a 20% off coupon for any item under \$100 in our store. The store will be open that day as well. But the coupon can be used any time up to December 31 of this year.

We will not be the only sale at the Town Hall on the 7th. The Milo Elementary fifth grade will be holding a 'goody' sale at the same time to raise money for their spring trip to Boston. We are hoping other organizations will be present on Saturday as well.

In other news a very interesting thing happened this week. It reminded me that one of the goals of my little bookstore is to support local schools and libraries...well, any library...since my main mission is to encourage reading. A very nice lady came into the store and purchased 10 books for the Enfield Library. This reminded me that any library or schools wishing to purchase books are very welcome to do so. Please remember to bring in your tax exempt number. We gladly recognize these. If you are unable to get here before our new closing time; please call 943-2400. We can make arrangements for you to explore our store...all for the sake of encouraging the written word.

CURIOSITY NOTES – *We are busy preparing for our* Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony coming up on Friday, October 6, at 6 pm. Dennis Lyford, President of The Southern Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce will be present along with other chamber members. These are the people who make us a successful member of your business

UP ON THE FARM

BY VALERIE ROBERTSON



I needed to "super-size" the preceding picture so you could see the faces of the sweet babies! Even though Julie and I preach and plead for EVERYONE TO SPAY OR NEUTER, we still realize that kittens are just about the cutest things ever!! The story behind these babies is anything but sweet.

When dealing with people in a small town one soon learns that the majority of crimes, neglect and abuse towards animals are done by a group of habitual and ignorant offenders. Such is the case with Frankie and her babies. The very first cats taken into the PAWS building almost 3 years ago were abandoned by one of the people who did the unthinkable to that wonderful Mama in the picture. They decided it would be OK to leave their pet behind, locked in a trailer in the middle of a heat wave. Why did they do this? Because that is the mentality we face over and over when dealing with people and their pets; as soon as an animal becomes an inconvenience; throw them away, then replace them the next time the mood strikes to get a pet.

So for two weeks, a pregnant Frankie existed on whatever was left in the decrepit and filthy trailer at Knapp's Park. Thank goodness Eric McLeod heard of the situation and gave Frankie some food and water then called me. Not only was Frankie left in the trailer, but a "No Trespassing" sign had been nailed to the door. Eric wanted to make sure the cat was OK, but was concerned with breaking the law. He called me and I hurried to grab her and brought her to our house to evaluate her condition. Coincidentally, we had appointments for some kitties to be spayed that next day, so I took her with me to see if perhaps she was only "a little pregnant", and could be operated on. It may seem awful to some to do away with the potential kittens, but if these folks could see the hundreds and hundreds of kittens we see each year it is easy to see that the less born the better. Unfortunately she was a bit too far along so I brought her home to wait out the birth. Julie already had a mama and her brood at her house and we like to keep tiny kittens away from any colds or other contagious illnesses from the shelter cats.

Well, two weeks later Frankie gave birth to four beautiful, but compromised kittens. One was substantially smaller than the other three, and died 3 days later. Two



others have legs that are crooked and twisted, to the point where they can't walk. I immediately checked out the condition on the Internet and learned it is called, appropriately, Twisted Leg Syndrome, and is caused by the tendons in the legs not forming correctly. The good news is that many times the condition can be treated with massage and braces. So I now practice Kitten Physical Therapy daily and am experimenting

with various braces and splints. If worse comes to worse we will have some really cute kittens with unusual walks, but no matter what happens, they will be loved and cared for.

Her original 3 kittens are now 2 ½ weeks old and are doing fine. As you can see from the second picture, one brace is in place and I will do the other legs one at a time. As you can see from the first picture, there are way more than just 3 kittens. So to quote Paul Harvey "And now for the rest of the story".

Across town from where we found Frankie, at Ricker's trailer Park, another mom had been abandoned and had sought safety for her kittens by tucking them under a trailer, in some insulation. When the trailer was moved, she ran out and tried to save her kittens. One was found and taken to Julie. The teeny baby was probably two weeks old when Julie got him, and Julie fed him and pampered him and did her best to be his mama, but kittens like all babies, do best with their real mothers. When Frankie's (we named her that because of her old "Blue Eyes") baby died we took it as a sign and introduced her to Julie's kitten. It was love at first sight for all of them, and Frankie promptly grabbed her new little boy and began vigorously cleaning his face. We called him Shaq because he was so much bigger than the 3 original babies. So now Frankie's brood consists of her own three, who were 4 days old, and Shaq, who was about 2 weeks old. But the story doesn't stop there!

Last Saturday as I was leaving Dover on my way home from work at the Post Office, my cell phone rang and it was Julie.

"Where are you?" she asked.

"Just leaving Dover ", I replied.

"There are 3 teeny kittens someone just found at Moosehead Manufacturing". She informed me.

"Tell me where to go....""

Now normally we don't do rescues from other towns, but the person had sounded so desperate and we knew we had a nursing mother who would, in the best case scenario, take them as her own and in the worst case; Julie and I would have 3 little kittens to care for. Definitely not an Earth-shattering situation for us.

I was instructed to go to the back door of the plant and there beside a toilet paper box were the folks who had called. They had made the babies as comfy as they could, but I could hear the mews as I approached. I lifted the cover and there were three kittens, identical in size to Frankie's original bunch and they were the exact coloring as Frankie's two-toned guy. I raced to Milo, eager to introduce the Dover kittens to the Milo family. I placed the 3 screeching kittens in Frankie's bed and after a few obligatory hisses Frankie rolled on her side and offered the starving babies their first meal in who-knows-how long. I snapped the picture that is at the beginning of this story. The three Dover kitties are happily nursing, and the four others are snuggled pondering what other wonders they will discover now that their eyes are open.

That was a week ago, and although Mama lovingly and unselfishly feeds and cares for her family, I supplement everyone a couple of times a day with Kitten Formula. And of course Frankie gets a lot of extra treats and pats. I know that she is using the "Pay-It-Forward" philosophy. Her life and the lives of 3 of her babies had been saved and now it is her turn to save a few lives of her own. Wouldn't it be wonderful if some people could learn from her example!