



# Three Rivers News



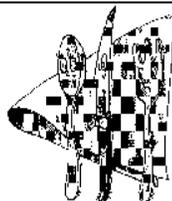
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**LIVE SIMPLY-LOVE GENEROUSLY-CARE DEEPLY-SPEAK KINDLY**

**Essay Contest for 6th and 7th grade students**



## Brownville Days Buffet & Auction

Public Supper

*Baked Beans, Ham, Casseroles, Homemade Dishes,  
Salads and More!*

Saturday, January 20th

B.J.H.S. Alumni Hall

67 Railroad Avenue

4:30 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Adults \$5.00

Children Under 12 \$2.00

**Bring 1 or more items for the  
auction immediately following!**

Tickets available at the door or in advance by contacting  
Felice @ 965-2561.

If you have any questions, or if you are willing to donate  
an item, a dish, or your time, please contact the Town  
Office at 965-2561.

All proceeds to benefit the Brownville Days 2007 Events.  
**COME JOIN IN THE FUN!!**

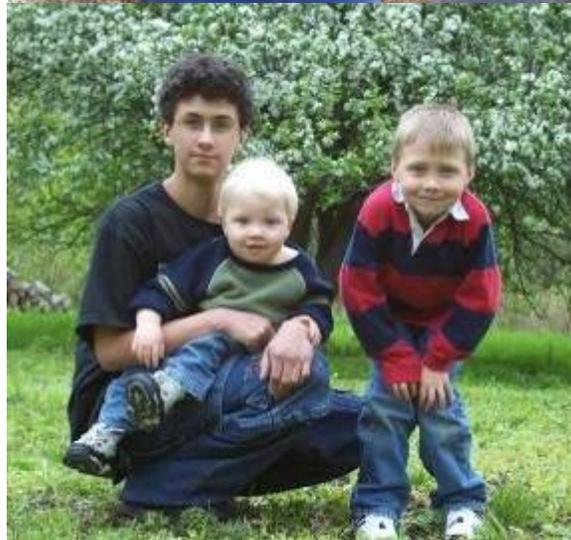
DAR is a lineal, service organization whose purpose is to promote good citizenship through education, historic preservation and patriotic endeavor. The Society was founded in Washington, DC in 1890 and has nearly 175,000 women representing all races, cultures, ages, and walks of life.

The Essay Contest for 6th and 7th grade students at public or private schools, or home schoolers and the deadline for entries is June 14, 2007.

- **Essay Title "Our Flag - What it means to Me".**
- **Length 250-500 words Judges will look for originality and well written and well thought out essays.**

For more information, contact: Leilani Stites, Flag Committee Chair 12 Forest St. Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426  
564-8739 [excal@midmaine.com](mailto:excal@midmaine.com)

Non-DAR people will be judges. At the Chapter level there will be one winner who is forwarded to the state level where there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.



Bryant Lugo and Peter and Ethan Bishop are proud to announce the upcoming wedding of their parents, Peter Bishop Sr. and Shannon Greaney of Milo. Shannon and Pete are both graduates of Penquis Valley High School. Shannon received her Bachelor's degree with a major in English from the University of Maine at Orono. Pete works at Maine Island Cottage of Milo and Shannon is a Project Reach Specialist for Jobs for Maine Graduates at SeDoMoCha Middle School in Dover-Foxcroft. Their wedding will be held Saturday, March 17th, 2007 at 3 p.m. at the Brownville Community Church with a reception at the Brownville Junction Alumni Hall immediately afterwards.

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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!

## National High School Oratorical Contest

**Milo, Maine. 10 January 2007.** The American Legion Post # 41 hall was packed for the first round of the National High School Oratorical Contest. The Purpose of the American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest is to develop a deeper knowledge and appreciation of the Constitution of the United States on the part of high school students. The contest is most challenging. Each contestant must present a "Prepared Oration" of 8 to 10 minutes prepared in advance, but must be delivered without notes or aids. Contestants, coaches, family, friends, judges and American Legion members enjoyed a multi-course Italian dinner prior to the contest. The audience was most impressed and absolutely focused on the presentation. The judges were: Peter Odgen, Director of Veteran Services for the State of Maine; SSG Brian Hall, Recruiting District Commander; Caroline Swett of Dover, Ben Kittredge of Milo and John Greaney of Williamsburg and Post # 41.

Commander, Randy Kluj assisted by Americanism Chairman, Bob Lee presented Sarah Niemic a Gold Metal and a \$250 check from Post #41 of the American Legion for winning the contest. Photo enclosed. This gives Sarah the "Hat Trick" or three consecutive year wins. She was the 2005 winner as a sophomore at Penquis HS, the 2006 winner as a junior at Orono HS and now the 2007 winner as a senior at John Bapst HS. Sarah Niemic also won the District (County) contest and will receive a check from The American Legion District #14 Commander Lee Leeman. Photo enclosed. The winner from each District competition will compete in the State Championship on February 17 at Thomas College in Waterville.

The Winner from each state will compete at The National Contest at Indiana University – Purdue University in Indianapolis in April. The National winners will receive significant scholarships: First \$ 18,000, Second \$ 16,000, and Third \$ 14,000.



Numerous \$ 1500 scholarships will also be awarded. The American Legion pays for each state champion and a coach or parent for the trip to the National Championship.

**Post #41 Commander Randy Kluj, Winner Sarah Niemic and Chairman Bob Lee**



**Winner Sarah Niemic and District #14 Commander Lee Leeman**

Martin Luther King, Jr.: "I Have a Dream"

**From the speech delivered 28 August 1963, at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C.**

**The following is the concluding remarks made by the extraordinary civil rights leader. As you read them, reflect on how far we have come and how far we need to go.**



...  
...  
Let  
us  
not

wallow in the valley of despair, I say to you today, my friends.

And so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day, down in Alabama, with its vicious racists, with its governor having his lips dripping with the words of "interposition" and "nullification" -- one day right there in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls as sisters and brothers.

I have a dream today!

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight; "and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together."<sup>2</sup>

This is our hope, and this is the faith that I go back to the South with.

With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith, we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith, we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

And this will be the day -- this will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning:

*My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.  
Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountainside, let freedom ring!*

**And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true.**

And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire.

Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania.

Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado.

Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

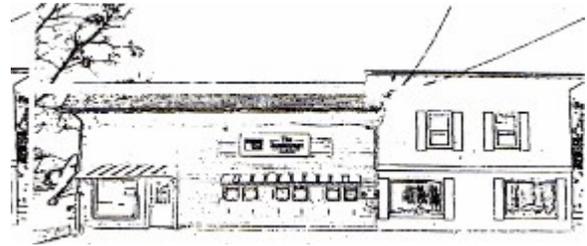
But not only that:

Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee.

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.



And when this happens, when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual:

Free at last! Free at last!

Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!<sup>3</sup>

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – *Yes, we are open today!*
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – *Salmon pea wiggle*
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – *Try our veggie sandwich*
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – *Buffalo chicken wrap* –
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – *Creamed cauliflower is a great veggie choice!*
- Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> – *Mini shrimp and haddock dinner*
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – *Sloppy joe and fries*

*Warm up with a smile and some great food.*

*We hope to see you soon!*

**2007 plans from Piscataquis County Economic Development Council**

The Piscataquis County Economic Development Council (PCEDC) has been endorsed again in 2007 by funding from the county. Recently, the PCEDC announced its plans for the coming year at its annual meeting in Dover-Foxcroft.

"PCEDC must move forward and let everyone know the good work we are doing," said incoming PCEDC President Jack Clukey. "I want to



help PCEDC work smarter as well as harder. Clearly, a priority is hiring a new executive director – a decision we do not take lightly. We will find the right candidate and not just any candidate for the sake of filling the position. A hiring committee is in place and a new round of candidates is under review.”

According to John Holden of Eastern Maine Development Corporation, who is filling in under a management contract, PCEDC will continue the work and the quality of work it has established over the past few years.

In 2006, the PCEDC used grant funding from USDA Rural Development to hire a community development specialist. This allowed the organization to branch out into providing more assistance for downtown revitalization projects, tourism infrastructure and affordable housing around the region.

“Most people think of us as strictly as an organization that helps attract and retain businesses,” said PCEDC Community Development Specialist Sheila Grant, “and we do that. But I think folks would be surprised at how many other ways PCEDC is involved in our communities and is working to improve the quality of life for everyone in the Piscataquis region.”

Grant’s current projects include improvements to the Appalachian Trail parking lot in Monson, in partnership with several organizations who care for and share an interest in the trail; developing downtown revitalization priorities in Milo in partnership with citizens and business owners there; and assisting the Town of Dover-Foxcroft with a number of grants to provide sidewalks for school children, study the best use of vacant buildings and move forward on downtown revitalization plans.

The PCEDC’s core funding comes from the county. The organization then uses that base funding to secure additional funds from federal and state grant programs as well as from private contributions from businesses throughout the county.

PCEDC continued its cultural heritage and tourism work last year and intends to stay in the front of this work in the county. Under the banner of CHET (PCEDC’s Cultural Heritage Eco-Tourism committee), PCEDC accomplishments include publication of the Piscataquis Cultural Heritage Directory and development of curriculum for local schools that teaches students about their own history and culture and instills in them a “pride of place.” Most recently, PCEDC’s CHET committee, in partnership with the Appalachian Mountain Club and University of Maine Cooperative Extension, published a Southern Piscataquis Regional Recreation Map and Guide. A book detailing the 20<sup>th</sup> century history of the region is also in the works.

PCEDC is also continuing to focus on tourism development in the county. Its Piscataquis Tourism Task Force (PTTF) has presented its findings and work to state and county legislators and intends to release a web page, in partnership with The Maine Highlands, featuring a nature-based itinerary that winds through the county.

“So, clearly, while attracting and retaining businesses in the Piscataquis region is our mission, we accomplish that through a wide spectrum of community efforts geared toward improving the quality of life not only for new business owners and their employees, but for folks who already live here,” Grant concluded.

## AREA SCHOOL NEWS

*Remember to clip the “Box Tops for Education” coupons and drop them off at your favorite school or the collection box at The Milo Farmers Union...each one is worth 10-cents!!*



### Cook School News

The 4th and 5th grade class opened our January 12 assembly with a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. They recited from memory an acrostic poem by Sarah B. Topkins.

They did a fantastic job and everyone learned a lot about Dr. King.

Cameron Westmoreland, Sonny Hayes and April Morgan were honored as Terrific Kids at our January 12 assembly. Mrs. Carter said that Cameron has worked really really hard for this award. He made good choices and removed himself from situations when needed. Cameron was absent several days last week. He made up all of his work. Cameron was kind and well behaved when Mrs. Carter was absent. Miss Brown said that she can



always count on Sonny. He always does his homework. He caught up on his work after being absent. Sonny did a great job with controlling himself when working. He follows direction and rules. Sonny’s name was not on the board this week. He is a great helper and great friend. Miss K. is very proud of how hard April has worked to earn Terrific Kid this week. April started on her work independently each morning. She completed all of her assignments in class and at home. April had her planner signed every night and tried her best to get along with her classmates.

Ms. Bickford informed us about National No Name Calling Week and the poster contest that took place in our school this week. Award winners for posters: Cole, Melania, Michael D., Harmony, Lindsay, Michael C.

Bus Awards: Lindsay, Kyle, Jordan

Birthdays: Kyle 8, Levi 7, Jacob 6, Miss K. (?) Caught

Being Good Bags: Natasha, Sha-lyn, Lindsay, Kyle,

Levi Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids

### Brownville School News

The following are poems written by Mrs. Lynn Weston’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. There will be more next week.

**Funny** By Heze

Funny is not getting punched in the face.  
 Funny is a clown being entertaining at a carnival.  
 Funny is people telling funny jokes.  
 Funny is when a dog is chasing its tail like a crazy animal.  
 Funny sounds like a comic book being read.  
 Funny sounds like a hysterical movie you’re watching.  
 Another word for funny is entertaining.  
 One thing about funny is it makes you feel better when you are sad.

**Soft** By Trevor

Soft is not the gravel in my dooryard.  
 Soft is my cat in his winter coat.  
 Soft is a yarn made pillow.

Soft is a lion's smooth silky fur.  
 Soft sounds like a puppy's whine at night.  
 Soft sounds like a kitten's meow.  
 Another word for soft is smooth.  
 One thing about soft is it's fun to touch.

**Sleepy** By David

Sleepy is not full of energy.  
 Sleepy is me at night.  
 Sleepy is my dog all day.  
 Sleepy is my sister when we get home from school.  
 Sleepy sounds like everyone at night.  
 Sleeps sounds like kids in class.  
 Another word for sleepy is tired.  
 One thing about sleepy is it keeps me happy.

**Soft** By Matthew

Soft is not needles in my bed.  
 Soft is when you pet your cat.  
 Soft is when you lie in a beanbag.  
 Soft is sleeping in the snow.  
 Soft sounds like snow falling.  
 Soft sounds like waking up at the lake.  
 Another word for soft is smooth.  
 One thing about soft is it's nice while it lasts.



**Milo Elementary's News**

Terrific Kids at Milo Elementary School weekly  
 Terrific kids assembly on Friday, January 12, 2007.

The assembly also featured Ms. Gillis's combined 4th  
 and 5th grade reciting a portion of Rev. Martin Luther King,  
 Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech from 1963.

**Milo Free Public Library New**

By Judith Macdougall

On Monday Pam took the day off to spend it with her  
 oldest daughter, Becky, who has been here visiting from  
 Wisconsin. Belinda Raymond worked in her place. Belinda likes  
 to keep busy so I suggested she find some Valentine wallpaper  
 ( I love the way computerese adapts our everyday words for  
 computer functions) to bring up on the patron computers. She  
 selected a great variety and now each computer has a  
 different design. I hope our computer users find them

interesting. Next Belinda processed three books for  
 circulation. Finally when those tasks were done, she went  
 around straightening shelves. Belinda likes to keep busy.

Over the weekend (January 6 & 7) I selected and  
 wrote up books from our Baker & Taylor book catalogs. On  
 Monday I called in the order. I was pleased to get a very  
 pleasant and efficient person on the other end of the line. It  
 may sound silly to say, but when I read the ISBN number to  
 them, I prefer an operator who reads the whole book title back  
 to me. Some operators (no doubt to save time) read only the  
 first word or two. They will have said it so quickly that I have  
 a hard time checking it. Nancy spoke the whole title clearly  
 and was a real pleasure to work with. The whole process only  
 takes 10-15 minutes anyway, so I don't know why the operator  
 does not take the extra few seconds to read the whole title.

But I digress. What really amazed me was that I  
 called that order into the company on Monday, and the  
 available books arrived on Wednesday. We at the library are  
 so pleased with the service we get from Baker & Taylor. Of  
 course, you want to know what new books we have received, and  
 the titles are listed below. More books will be coming regularly  
 as the back ordered books are published so watch this column  
 for the titles as we receive them.

Albom, Mitch	FOR ONE MORE DAY
Bradford, Barbara Taylor	THE RAVENSCAR DYNASTY
Braun, Lilian J.	THE CAT WHO HAD 60 WHISKERS
Evanovich, Janet	PLUM LOVIN'
Garlock, Dorothy	ON TALL PINE LAKE
Harris, Thomas	HANNIBAL RISING
Hoffman, Alice	SKYLIGHT CONFESSIONS
Jance, J.A.	WEB OF EVIL
Johnson, Dolores	PRESSED TO KILL
Kingsbury, Karen	FAMILY
Kingsbury, Karen	FIRST BORN
Kingsbury, Karen	FORGIVEN
Meier, Leslie	THE BAKE SALE MYSTERY
Patterson, Richard North	EXILE
Setterfield, Diane	THE THIRTEENTH TALE
Unger, Lisa	SLIVER OF TRUTH
Williams, Polly	THE YUMMY MUMMY

New juvenile books from Baker & Taylor.

Brashares, Ann	YA	FOREVER IN BLUE (The 4 <sup>th</sup> Summer of the Sisterhood)
Cabot, Meg	YA	PRINCESS ON THE BRINK
Funke, Cornelia		GHOSTHUNTERS AND THE GRUESOME INVINCIBLE LIGHTNING GHOST

On Monday, January 22 Melissa Hill will conduct her  
 PRESCHOOL STORY TIME with stories and a craft geared for  
 the younger children. She would enjoy having your children  
 share that time with her. Remember MONDAY, JANUARY  
 22nd there will be a PRESCHOOL STORY TIME at the library  
 from 3:30-4:30. We'd love to see your children at the library  
 at that time.

**Library Winter Hours**  
 Mon. -Weds. -Fri. ---2:00-8:00  
 Saturday 2:00-4:00  
 Telephone 943-2612

The photos on the next page show various scenes of Milo during a flood that occurred during the week of April 30, 1923. I found the following account of the flood by Googling "Maine flood 1923....isn't the Internet amazing!!!"

### RIVERS AND FLOODS.

By H. C. Frankenfae.

The most severe and destructive floods of the month occurred in New England, and particularly in Maine and New Hampshire. Much of the abnormal snowfall of the preceding winter remained in the northern woods, but the high temperatures of the closing days of the month caused it to melt rapidly and add its large increment to the run-off from the heavy rains of April 23 and 24 and the showers of April 30. The State of Maine suffered heavily, as will be seen in the report below by Mr. Eclward P. Jones, meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau Office, Portland, Me:

The Maine flood owed its inception to the unprecedented snowfall of the past winter which, by reason of the unfrozen condition of the soil had caused the latter to become virtually saturated. The high temperatures of late April rapidly melted the large quantity of snow, so that the accompanying heavy rains soon brought a great flood. The absence of a sufficient number of storage basins was also a contributing factor,



while another was that of the high tides that backed up the larger rivers at their mouths.

The flood extended over most of the State, and did the greatest damage along the Kennebec River, although it did not exceed that caused by the flood of December 16, 1901.

Extreme western Maine was free from serious flood conditions, while Aroostook County reported the worst flood on record. The Moosehead storage prevented any great discharge from the east branch of the Kennebec, the flood flows coming almost entirely from Dead, Carrebassett. and Sandy Rivers, and becoming most severe at Fairfield, Waterville, Augusta, and Gardiner, although the entire Kennebec Valley suffered seriously. The rivers began to rise April 28 and by night the Kennebec, Union, Machias, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and St. Croix were pressing against the dams and bridges along their courses. At 3

a.m. Sunday, April 29, the Kennebec overflowed its banks at Augusta and by 7 p.m. there was a 10-foot flow over the dam. The normal flow is about 3 feet.. The crest at Augusta was reached at 4 p. m. April 30 and tidewater fell below flood stage on Friday, May 4. At Skowhegan the flow over the dam during the crest of the flood was 90,000 cubic feet per second, quite near the record established in 1901. At Gardiner the flood stage was reached at 2 a. m. .April 29 and the crest stage at 3 a. m. May 1. The river fell below flood stage at 10 a. m. May 3.

The Androecoggin River has a fine storage basin near its



source, but it drains a large area and the run-off when the snow commenced to melt caused the river to rise to danger point, eventually reaching the highest stage since the 1896 freshet.

The river at Rumford overflowed its banks April 29, reached the highest point April 30, and fell below flood stage at 10:30 p. m. May 3. The Penobscot is better controlled than any other river in Maine. If this river had been left to its own devices in the recent flood, the city of Bangor would have been almost entirely overflowed. Only the Great Northern Paper Co. storage dams saved the city.

The rush of waters which smote Old Town, Orono, and Bangor and other cities and towns in this region with such disastrous force came from the East Branch, the Sebobeis River, and other streams in that territory tributary to the Penobscot. The dams there were inadequate to withstand the flood.

At Dover and Foxcroft on the Piscataquis River the flood stage occurred April 28. crest on April 29, and the river did not fall below flood stage until May 3.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weston and Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Allen are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Jeremy and Erin. Jeremy is a graduate of Penquis Valley High School, and is an education major at the University of Maine. Erin is a graduate of Penquis Valley and Husson College. She is employed as an Occupational Therapist. Their wedding is planned for June 15, 2007.

### THREE RIVERS KIWANIS, MILO - BROWNVILLE

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President Ethelyn Treworgy welcomed 14 members on Jan. 10, 2007. Also present was an interclub from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, which included Harold "Doc" Sherman, Pres. Hoyt Fairbrother, Joe Guyotte, Andy Hinckley, Bob Moore, and Brian Woodworth. Penquis Valley Key Club members present included Katie Patten and Cheryl Roensing. Prospective new member, Dick Graves, was also a guest.

Eben DeWitt graciously led the Pledge of Allegiance and George Barton offered the Morning Prayer.

Happy Dollars were given for the diesel mechanics in Tennessee who helped get their truck back on the road; that the holidays were over and to get going again; for the guest speaker; that we had some snow; that Dick Graves had joined us; happy to be here; and first cheering competition coming up on Sat. Sad dollars were given for the loss of Velma Johnston who passed away recently.

President Ethelyn reported that four Kiwanians attended the Penquis Valley Key Club Installation of Officers on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Haley Flanders-Patten was installed as President, Amber Benoit as Vice President, and Nycole Carey as Treasurer. Secretary Paige McGuinness was unable to attend. Alyssa Crane, Key Club Lt. Governor, was the installing officer. Scott Gordon, Principal of Penquis Valley H.S., is the Key Club Staff Advisor.

Four Kiwanians also attended the Foxcroft Academy Key Club's induction of new members on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> in Dover.

A reminder was made that there would be a Board Meeting on Jan. 11 at 6:30 a.m. and the Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a business meeting to inform members about the board meeting. The Jan. 24 speaker will be Elaine McAvooy of the Resource Development Center.

Terrific Kids Assemblies are held at Milo, Brownville and LaGrange Elementary Schools each week on Friday. Kiwanians are urged to attend.

The speaker today was Thelma Regan, who spoke about the Adult Education program. The program is a co-op consisting of the communities of Guilford, Dover-Foxcroft, and Milo. The program consists of many offerings for both credit and for personal enrichment.

Ms. Regan explained that the GED program has grown considerably in the last year. Participants have explained to her that it is difficult now to obtain a job without a diploma or a GED equivalent. It is also difficult for some participants due to time constraints between family commitments and work.

In addition to the GED program, other credit courses available include everything from Algebra and Math, English, Chemistry, Real Estate, Hunter Safety, and Trapping among others.

Efforts have been made to implement a CDL class for a Class A commercial license. They had hoped to offer it at a cost of \$ 2700 which is well below the average cost for this type of class, but were unable to because of the lack of financial aid to participants.

The Certified Nurses Aid program has been a popular program and with the assistance of Hibbard Nursing Home, they have been able to offer an additional program.

The personal enrichment classes bring people together to connect and participate in learning new skills. Guitar lessons in Milo have been added and the class is very popular. Also offered are Acrylic and Watercolor painting, Theatre Arts, Stained Glass, Knitting, Intro. to Computers, Quilting and Scrapbooking.

Ms. Regan explained that by learning new skills, a person could grow as an individual, which benefits a community in many ways.

We are fortunate to have such a vital program available. In 2006, 312 were enrolled in the Credit Courses and 171 were enrolled in the Enrichment classes.

Following Ms. Regan's presentation, there was discussion regarding the possibility of reducing the number of school districts and the impact this might have on the adult ed. program.

Lois Trask, Sec.

### CURIOSITY NOTES

This week I've spent a lot of time in the room displaying the handmade crafts we sell. We have pretty sea glass mobiles in different colors. They are now hanging on a dark rose wall. This background is a wonderful complement to the yellows, greens, whites, and blues. We also have bookmarks with sea glass ornamentation. What a clever idea! So is the group of little bottles and jars filled with multi-colored bits of glass.

Our doilies have been quite popular and in rearranging our display this beautiful work is nicely show-cased. A sweet little sweater, bonnet and booties in "baby girl pink" were made by the same crafts person, who also crochets book marks and pot holders.

We have several other craftspeople who work with fabrics and yarns. Quilts, hats, doll clothes and totes also keep our craft room full as do the baskets and candles, etched glass and jewelry. These are lovely to look at, arrange and give as gifts to yourself or someone else.

On January 28<sup>th</sup>, Victoria will be 48. Since that's almost 50 she decided that a book sale would be a great way to celebrate. On Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at Second Thoughts on 5 Elm Street in Milo, all books marked with her initials VE inside (usually found on the first page in the upper right hand corner) will be 50% off the store price. Remember-ONE day only. Stock up on your cold weather reading and celebrate her birthday at the same time.

The Curiosity Shops hours are Tues.-Sat.-10 am to 3 pm.

#### In Memoriam

GWENDOLYN DAKIN WITHAM

MILO - Gwen Dakin Witham, 79, passed peacefully Jan. 11, 2007, at her home, after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born Aug. 12, 1927, in Milo, the daughter of Mina Cobb and Leverett Dakin of Derby. She attended Milo High School and worked at Lewis Industries, Guilford Woolen, and retired from Dexter Shoe, Milo. She enjoyed doing crafts, making clothes for the children of friends and neighbors, and enjoyed playing the accordion and piano. She felt blessed with the family she had, and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by a sister, Rose Brewer of New Castle; three children, Cheryl Hobson of Milo, John Fogg and friend, Patsy Lyons, of Lincoln and Joan Eaton of Brownville Junction; eight grandchildren, Bobby Russell and friend, Michelle Sanborn, of Greenbush, Lynette Beard and husband, Kirk, of Derby, Shelly Baker and friend, Wade Sickle, of Brownville Junction, Tonya Musherero and husband, Larry, of Mattawamkeag, Stephanie Lyford and husband, Brian, of Milo, Tara Fogg of Milo, Crystal Shorey of East Dover and John Fogg; and a very special friend, Edith Mills of Medford. Interment will be held at Evergreen Cemetery later in the spring.

## PAWS NEWS DO YOU KNOW US??



Do you recognize either of these two ladies? They have recently been brought to our shelter and they arrived spayed, so they are definitely somebody's pets. Tammy, on the left, is a brown tiger about 2 years old and appeared at Joe and Teri Morrill's house on Knapp Avenue. She is amazingly loving and would love to be united with her family. Knapp Avenue is off Pleasant Street, and beside the Pleasant Park housing complex.

The second girl, on the right is Ginny. She is a young all-black female who also arrived spayed. She was found on Albert Street, which is one of the side-streets off Park Street. Bear in mind that animals can travel quite a distance when they are looking for their home or when they have been frightened. Both of these girls are friendly and it is sad that their families haven't found them yet.

The next two kitties are Cassie and Rocky, two of the most popular residents. They are both perfect in every way. Cassie, on the right, is a silly girl who spends a lot of her time in a sink, waiting for a drop of water to plop out of the faucet. She would probably find another way to amuse herself if she had a home of her own, and that would be by sitting on a lap. She is so loving and gentle and would make a great companion.

Rocky, is also amazing. He is gentle and loving and has been to a home where he fit in perfectly with dogs and cats and children. Unfortunately the family left town and Rocky was returned. He is patiently waiting for his forever home.

Rocky is missing an eye due to infections he had as kitten and Cassie has an eye that doesn't work, , , but have adapted perfectly and are completely healthy now. They would make great pets, either together or solo.



Thank You to Beverly Jamison for her donation in memory of Mrs. Mac Donald.

For all of you who helped look for my missing dog, Kierra..thank you. She is home doing well and I will tell the incredible story in next week's edition of the paper.

Valerie