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Achievement Academy honors Brittany Tweedie

The United States Achievement Academy recently recognized a student for academic achievement as United States National Honor Student Award winners.

Brittany is a Penquis Valley High School student and the daughter of Pearl (Tiny) and Allen Tweedie of Milo. Her grandparents are Josie Morrison of Derby and the late Perl Morrison, and Sharon Macleod of Benton, and John Tweedie of Green Cove Springs, FL.

The United States Achievement Academy National Honor Student Award recognizes students who show dedication to excellence in achievement, dedication, talent and ability. She will appear in the U.S. Achievement Academy's official yearbook published nationally.

Besides being an excellent student, Brittany is a warm, caring and compassionate friend to all who know her. Congratulations from us all!

academic awards, and plans to attend Husson College in the fall to study Pre-Pharmacy.



PENQUIS HONOR PARTS ANNOUNCED

Scott Gordon, Principal of Penquis Valley School in Milo, Maine, has announced the honor parts for the Class of 2007. Graduation will be



held Sunday, June 3rd at 2:00pm in the high school gymnasium.

Andrew Demaris, son of Mr. & Mrs. Roy Demaris of Lagrange will be this year's Valedictorian. Andrew has been on the honor roll every quarter of his high school career. He has challenged himself with AP and Honor classes, and has received many academic awards. He was involved with Penquis' accreditation process this school year, creating a video and presentation about the Milo area for the visiting team. Andrew plans to attend the University of Maine and major in Education.

Jessica Metros is this year's Salutatorian. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Martin Metros of Brownville. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is a recipient of the Williams College Book Award. Jessica has been an active member of the band and pep band, as well as Key Club. She was the class President during her junior year and a manager of the boys' varsity basketball team and soccer team for the last two seasons. She plans to attend the University of Maine, majoring in accounting.

Kristin Burch, daughter of Mrs. Maureen Burch of Milo will deliver the First Honor Essay. Kristin played four years of soccer, serving as a Captain during her Junior and Senior seasons. She was a cheerleader for four years, and played tennis for four years. Kristin is a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, Key Club and was editor of the yearbook. Kristin has received several



Krystle Leavitt, daughter of Sandy Leavitt of Milo and Robert Leavitt Jr. of Dexter, will present the Second Honor Essay at Graduation. Krystle is a member of the National Honor Society where she served

as Treasurer. She is the President of the Student Council and editor of the yearbook. She has been active member of Key Club, girls' tennis, and was manager of the boys' varsity soccer team. Krystle plans to attend East Carolina University to become a Physician's Assistant.

**CONGRATULATIONS KOLE
'CLASS OF 2007'
We love you
Mom, Dad and Klay**

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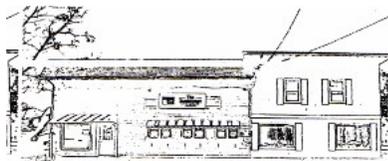
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BINGO...BINGO...BINGO!!!

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!

**Make sure you stop at
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JEAN'S MEXICAN SUNDAE
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**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO
KASEY SHERBURNE'S SPAIN TRIP
DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON
JUNE 22ND**

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SCRAPBOOKING EVENT WAS NOTABLE!

Saturday, May 5th was National Scrapbooking Day. Several scrappers from Milo, Brownville, and even Guilford gathered at the Milo Town Hall for an all day crop. Participants worked on their own special picture projects as well as attended demonstrations and could purchase merchandise from vendors. The event was held as a fundraiser for the Milo Recreation Department. Special thanks to Milo businesses who helped sponsor the event - The Restaurant, Elaine's Cafe, MaryKay Consultant Cindy Herbest. Additional thanks to scrapbooking sponsors Judy's Scrappin' & Stampin' of Orono, Nancy's Scrapbooking of Holden, Close to My Heart Consultant Deb Stroud



of Dover-Foxcroft, and Creative Memories Consultant Denise Scrudier of Sebec.

SCRAPBOOKING EXTRAVAGANZA PLANNED

The Brownville Jct. American Legion Junior Auxiliary will be hosting an all day Scrap booking event on June 9th at the American Legion Hall. It will run from 9:00 am - 5:00pm. A buffet lunch will be provided by the Senior Auxiliary. A Memories consultant will be on hand to help the beginner as well as the advanced scrapbooker. If you're a beginner, just bring your pictures and we will help you get started. The cost for the day is \$15.00. The proceeds will go toward sending the new State of Maine Junior President to the National Convention in Reno, Nevada in August. If you wish to attend or just want more information please call Brenda at 965-3631 or Theresa at 965-8015 ASAP as space is limited.



June 9th
Hall. It
5:00pm.
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Creative
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THE RESTAURANT
Would like to congratulate
The Class of 2007

Our best wishes to each of you.
Have a safe and happy graduation week!

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

Remember to clip the "Box Tops for Education" coupons and drop them off at your favorite school...each one is worth 10-cents!!



Our assembly began with a wonderful presentation by the 4th and 5th graders about Memorial Day. This was followed by the playing of "Taps" by third grader Cassidy Parker on her recorder and her father Ronn Parker on the clarinet. A great job was done by all!

Terrific Kids this week are Jordan Prendergast, Cameron Westmoreland, and Shalene Cody.

Miss Brown said that Jordan has proven herself to be terrific kid this week. She is always on the "could have been terrific kid" list too! Jordan is faithful about bringing homework and books to school every day, and she always has a positive attitude. Jordan is a kind friend and she is a great classroom helper. She tries her hardest on every job and she works hard until it is done. She always does her best work! Jordan is a great reader and uses reading strategies very well. Jordan can be counted on for anything, and she is a great student!

Mrs. Carter tells us that Cameron probably knew he was going to be Terrific Kid this week. He has worked hard on his behavior and on his academics all week. Cameron is a very smart boy, and comes up with great ideas in the classroom. He has not missed any recess all week!

Miss K. said that Shalene had promised her Mom that she'd be Terrific Kid this week and that she honored her promise. Shalene worked hard to improve her behavior and had a great attitude. She did all of her homework and had her Planner signed every day. Keep up the great work Shalene.

Bus students this week: Kortnie, Ethan, and Rebecca. Mrs. Carter's class was awarded the Artist of the Week award for the great rainbow fish that they all made. They look beautiful hanging in their classroom.

Move & Improve winners this week are Kelena, Haley B., Ethan, Sonny, Haley M., and Mrs. White (staff award).

We sang birthday wishes to Mrs. Curran and Ms. Grant. (30?)

Caught being goods were given to Haley M., Bridgette, Cassidy, Kyle E., and Tyler.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



MILO ELEMENTARY NEWS

The first photo is of the Milo Elementary School Civil Rights Team who traveled to Augusta on May 7 for the annual Civil Rights Conference at the Civic Center. Mrs. Susan Davis is the advisor to the group who meets weekly. Mr. Don Hayes also accompanied the group. Many thanks to these students who work together to make our school a safe and civil place to learn.

The second photo is our Milo Elementary Terrific Kids for the week of May 21.



The 5th grade students from Lagrange, Brownville and Milo traveled to Steve Law's Tree Farm in Sebec to plant the seedlings that they started 4 years ago. We appreciate the work Mr. and Mrs. Law did to make this hands on activity a wonderful learning experience.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Wasn't I surprised when I read in the Bangor Daily News on Tuesday that Britain's Royal Mail is issuing a series of seven stamps depicting the covers of the best selling "Harry Potter" books just before the final volume goes on sale? Millions of the stamps will be issued on July 17 as part of the post office's tradition of celebrating "social themes and important occasions central to our way of life." I certainly would enjoy seeing them and using them but, of course, they would be useless on this side of the Pond for sending letters.

Speaking of Harry Potter, as many of us know, the last book Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows goes on sale July 21. Even though the Milo Free Public Library will be receiving two copies from Baker & Taylor probably before that date, we CANNOT circulate them until Saturday, July 21. I received several affidavits last week that required me to sign agreements for Scholastic, the publisher, and Baker & Taylor, the distributor, that the library would not release the books until one minute past midnight on July 21. They certainly are hyping this last book! Anyway, please do not ask to have the Harry Potter book until the release date as I have signed the affidavits. If I didn't sign, we would not receive the books. However, readers can certainly ask ahead to be put on the list.

I was out sick on Wednesday, and Margaret Pinette efficiently filled in for me. I can't tell you first hand what fun the 21 Kiwanis Kids had at this Kiwanis session, but Pam made a report for me. The adults who helped Val were Michelle Lemik, Natalie McClenning and Sharon Washburn. Key Club members who were on hand were Karen Bell, Nicole Carey, Katie Patten and Josh Clement. The "Kids" listened to Val read the Dr. Seuss book There's a Wocket in my Pocket as they enjoyed such healthful snack foods as fruit, cheese, crackers, dip and juice pouches. For crafts the youngsters worked with Rubber Blubber (a kind of homemade Silly Putty) and Hydro Bracelets (clear tubes with beads and water inside). How neat! This week will be the last week of the Kiwanis Kids sessions of spring 2007. Please be sure to return your children's library books on Wednesday. If that is not possible, please turn them

in to the Milo Elementary School office and Mrs. Keith will kindly hold them for the library.

We had a Penworthy preview box arrive this past week and chose 13 books for our younger patrons. Four were especially interesting for the just-beginning-to-read crowd. They are in a series called *My Turn, Your Turn*. The left hand page has several sentences of the story for the parent to read, and the right hand page has more pictures and fewer words in large print for the child to read. Both Pam and I were impressed with these books, and we selected all four of them. Their titles are:

THE GINGERBREAD MAN
GOLDILOCKS & THE THREE BEARS
THE LITTLE RED HEN
THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

Other books included in the box were:

Two new Nancy Drew books from a new series:
GETTING BURNED
PIT OF VIPERS

THE LIGHT IN THE CELLAR (American Girl-Molly)
MIDNIGHT IN LONESOME VALLEY (American Girl-Kit)

BE CAREFUL AND STAY SAFE
RESPECT AND TAKE CARE OF THINGS
HIGH FLYING STARS (Basketball)
DEEP IN THE SWAMP (counting song)
NEW TRUCK ON THE BLOCK (preschool)

Library Summer Hours
Monday-Wednesday-Friday 2:00-8:00
No Saturday hours in the summer
Telephone 943-2612

Second Annual Benefit Perennial Plant Sale

On Saturday, June 9th at the Dover-Foxcroft Fire station in Dover-Foxcroft P.E.T.S. is having its *Second Annual Benefit Perennial Plant Sale* from 9am to noon. P.E.T.S. volunteers are busy collecting donations of perennials from individuals and greenhouses. We are in hopes of exceeding the \$1000 from last year's sale. We can only do that with community support. If you are thinning your garden and would like to donate plants please call Phyllis at 564-8072 or Mary at 564-8092 to arrange for drop off or pickup. All monies raised go directly to help animals because P.E.T.S. is an all volunteer, non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization whose mission is to spay/neuter companion animals and educate the public at the same time. Spaying and neutering helps to prevent overpopulation and abandonment as well as prevent a host of health issues for companion animals.



JEANINE R. BURGOYNE

BROWNVILLE JUNCTION Jeanine R. Burgoyne, 83, wife of the late John L. Burgoyne, died May 22, 2007, at Maine Veterans' Home, Bangor. She was born March 20, 1924, in Beauvois, Oise, France, the daughter of Pauline Raffestin. She had worked at Hathaway Shirt Co. for many years. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and the Woman's Sodality, the Brownville Junction Service Club, and Katahdin Senior Citizens. She is survived by a son, George Burgoyne and wife, Peggy, of Bangor; a daughter, Susan Staples and husband, Ronald, of Holden; three grandchildren, Amy Staples, Elizabeth Pouwels, and Aaron Staples; two great-grandchildren, Olivia Jeanine Mantsch and Eli Pouwels. Burial will be in the family lot at Pinetree Cemetery, Brownville Junction. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Maine Alzheimer's Disease Assn., 163 Lancaster St., Suite B, Portland, ME 04101. Messages of condolence and memories may be left at www.laryfuneralhome.com

**NICOLE BALLARD CROWNED
MISS PRESQUE ISLE**



On April 28, 2007 four young ladies vied for the title of Miss Presque Isle 2007 at the Presque Isle High School auditorium. When the judge's votes were tallied Nicole Ballard was chosen to represent the Star City for the coming year.

All the contestants went through the interview process, talent contest, and sportswear and evening wear judging.

Nicole won the talent award for the evening by singing "Now My Lifesong Sings". She selected a raspberry slender gown for the evening competition and chose Brittany Spears as the most influential you person in the news today, good or bad, when faced with that question. "Brittany Spears is in a negative way. Her name is all through the news and she's not a positive role model," said Ballard.

When the evening of competition and entertainment was over Nicole was named the winner and received an \$800 scholarship, crown and sash.

MAYO'S NEWEST CITIZEN

Kristi Merrill and Jason Chase of Medford welcomed their son Gavin Michael Chase on May 16, 2007. Little Gavin weighed 7 pounds.

CURIOSITY NOTES – May 22nd was our official first birthday at The Curiosity Shops. We had candy and other tasty treats. We began our birthday sale which now includes 50% off ALL used books and 10% off everything else.

My last day here will be June 1. It's been a wonderful year of meeting other book lovers, chatting with many people and making new friends. To all of you, and especially my husband and son, I thank you all so much for supporting me in achieving my life-long dream.

Books and reading will always be in my "blood" and soul so I'll be shopping at The Curiosity Shops looking for my favorite authors. Part of loving books is in the hunt for a "really good read." So I'm sure I'll see you wherever books are sold. Thank you again,
Cheers from Victoria

**GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER
MAY/JUNE 1983**

- 28-Showers, partly cloudy windy pm.
- 29-Sunny am Cloudy pm-65° at 1 pm.
- 30-Rain all day & night-50° at 6 am.
- 31-Cloudy L rain started at 5 pm.
- 1-Showers all night fog sunny am Fair pm.
- 2-Fog cloudy awhile Fair & windy-45° at 5:30 am.
- 3-Cloudy awhile sunny windy-72° at 12 noon.

Up On The farm

What a week! I'm sure this is a busy time for everyone, and when the weather gets as nice as it's been, we all want to get outside work done. In order to make our yard more attractive to our bees, I put in a few annual flowers to compliment the perennials we have. I hope the ducks and other fowl don't decide to add a little color to their diet. I wouldn't mind losing the flowers, but I hate to think of someone getting a beak full of bees.

I planned on getting a lot of work done outside on Friday, but I got a call first thing from Katie telling me that the eggs in the incubator in her classroom were peeping! I told her I would be there after lunch, as I had to deliver mail until then. The eggs due to hatch that day were the chicken eggs. I had put six in just to add some extra excitement as chicken eggs hatch in 21 days while the duck and guinea eggs take 28 days. I planned on stopping in to check on things and leave, but when I saw the little beaks poking their way through the shells I couldn't pull myself away. Before the school day was over, a group of about 20 kids and I were staring at the orbs. Only two of the six were hatching, but that was enough for a good show. I plugged in a heat lamp, regulated the temperature in a glass aquarium and transferred the eggs from the incubator. It was much easier to view the progress, and made for an entertaining afternoon. I had more than one teacher come in to verify that a student was indeed there to watch eggs hatch. I guess it is a bit unusual for a student to present a note asking for a pass to go to a room and watch eggs. The chicks got a little help from two of the more enrapt kids and before long, the little peeps heads were in view. Teeny bits of egg shell were promptly removed as the "coaches" peeped chirps of encouragement.

The bell rang to end the school day and I loaded the eggs into my van to take them home to finish hatching. Luckily it was 100-degrees inside my vehicle, so I drove home and sat in the driveway as the chicks finished their debut. When both were out and dry, I scooped them up and put them in their new home. They both had a drink and a few bits of food, and then flopped down for a nap. Getting born is exhausting work.

If you read my last story, you will remember that one little guy was hatched in my yard two weeks ago. I have been calling him/her Lucky, and promising some brothers or sisters. I was excited to put Lucky in the pen with the two new guys and see the touching meeting. I wasn't disappointed as Lucky hopped right over to the two little ones and started cleaning



bits of shell off their little bodies. **(The proceeding photo shows Lucky eye-balling the new chicks)**It was so cute---until the little yellow chick opened his eye to see what was happening and I watched Lucky take one look at the shiny eyeball before giving it an exploratory peck. Thank goodness it was



a tentative move, and I had a chance to snatch Lucky up before he blinded Little Yellow. I put Lucky in his box and decided to wait until the newborns were a bit bigger to unite the trio. Saturday night I once again put Lucky in with the two babies and all went great. The two little ones follow Lucky around and seem very content to have a big brother or sister. Next week the three of them are going to their permanent home in Bradford, and I will hopefully have some ducks and guineas to take their place in the nursery. Babies are so much fun!

I was glad to have the week end on a happy note as the first of the week was horrible. I have had time to get a grasp on what I learned and will share what I know.

If any of you watch sports you are aware of the horror that is being associated with Michael Vick, the quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons-his cousin, who was living in one of Vicks houses, was arrested for keeping dogs that have been used for dog fights. In my mind there are few things more vile, abusive or ignorant than getting dogs to fight. I can barely think about it and can't comprehend what kind of sub-human could participate in this horrible sport. Vick maintains he knew nothing about the illegal activity but come on, how could someone living in one of your properties keep such a horrible thing a secret?

To make matters worse, another NFL player, Clinton Portis, was on TV Monday addressing the Vick issue. He unbelievably was defending Vick and said that what a man did in his own home was his own business. Upon hearing this stupid statement I grabbed my sweet Kierra, who is a classic Pit Bull, and rubbed her under her chin saying " You wouldn't want to have some dog rip your throat open, would you??", and it was then I felt the lumps-four of them, perfectly round and horribly big. It felt like she had kiwi fruits under her skin. I felt my heart and my stomach sink with fear. I loaded Kierra in my van and drove to Katie's to get her opinion. She tried to reassure me, but told me to make an appointment with the vet as soon as possible.

I spent a sleepless night and at 7:30 that morning called Foxcroft Vets and was told to come right over. Before Dr. Miles could examine Kierra one of the girls who work there signed us in and did a preliminary check-up. I could tell she didn't like what she was feeling and my worst fears were verified when Dr. Miles did his exam. Every one of Kierra's lymph glands was swollen and after blood tests it was determined Kierra had a 99% chance of having Lymphoma-cancer. The best thing to do was give her a round of steroids to shrink the glands, and decide what to do. I told Dr. Miles that I didn't want Kierra to have any pain and that I would do what was best for her, but that I needed time to think about that decision and I needed time to say good-bye to her. I also knew that there were others who would like a chance to see her before she went.

Poor Kierra had been acting lethargic, and hadn't been eating well, but I passed it off as a reaction to the warm weather. I couldn't stand the thought of her feeling bad and getting worse. Dr. Miles assured me that there was no pain from the cancer and that the steroids would shrink her lymph glands and make her feel and breathe better. I left in a daze and started to prepare myself for life without my dog.

Kierra has been a part of our family for 3 years and has probably spent two of those years in a car. She absolutely loves riding and is often seen sitting in the passenger seat of my van watching for danger or cats or food or whatever. If there is a human sitting in her seat, she somehow lifts her bulk up onto their lap in one fluid motion. Poor Ben spent 6 hours with Kierra on his lap last year when we all went to Vermont. She thinks she is an 8 pound lap dog, when in reality she is an eighty-five pound lapful.

The thought of her not being around to ride shotgun for me was more than I could think about. I felt so helpless and responsible even though I didn't know exactly why. As soon as I got home I got online and researched lymphoma in dogs. I learned that it is very common and sometimes curable with surgery, chemotherapy and radiation. But as involved as Kierra's glands were I knew surgery was impossible. I also could not even imagine her going through any treatments as

exhausted and listless as she was. I found a diet that was supposed to be easier on her system and help boost her immunity so I busied myself with cooking the suggested foods.

My Sweet Kierra Taking a Break from Navigating



I spent a second sleepless night, but continued on Wednesday with the steroids and diet. I was trying to look for signs of the old Kierra, but she just seemed tired. Wednesday afternoon I thought the lumps seemed smaller...I also called the vets in an act of desperation suggesting that maybe Kierra had Parvo, not cancer, but that idea was quickly dismissed. I was grasping for anything.

Thursday morning I was awakened to a familiar "Ummoh". Kierra was asking to go out! When I talked to her the little nubbin that was her tail wiggled and wagged. I was looking into the face of my Kierra. There were those sweet, kind, intelligent eyes, those floppy ears and that horrible breath that had earned her the nickname "Stink Pig". After she had gone out to do her thing, I rubbed her neck to feel her lumps and had a hard time finding them. The lumps that were the size of kiwi were like small grapes. I had Kirby verify the change and he had a hard time even finding the lumps. The steroids had shrunken the surrounding lymph glands and Kierra was able to breath and swallow better, In turn, any internal glands had shrunken making the affected organs more functional. I was thrilled as this meant Kierra could enjoy her day and maybe a few more. It also meant hope!

I immediately called Katie and asked her if I would be grasping at straws to consider some type of treatment for Kierra and she enthusiastically approved. I called Foxcroft Vets to find out about treatments and chemotherapy but was told they had never done either, so I set about looking for a cancer specialist in our area. I was happy to find one at the Veazie Veterinary Clinic and gave her a call. The receptionist was helpful, caring and somewhat optimistic...my kind of girl!! She had me fax down Kierra's records and after they had been looked at called me back to set up an appointment for Thursday, May 31st. So as I write this there are three days left before I find out more.

I do have to tell you all that we could never make a decision to prolong Kierra's life for our own selfish reasons. Unless she can be pain free I will not opt for any treatments. I also will not put her through anything that will confine her or sicken her. From what I've read, chemo isn't the ordeal for dogs that it can sometime be for humans...I'll have to be

assured of that also. When we take on the responsibility of a pet we have to be prepared to let them go when the time comes. If it is Kierra's time, I will do what's right. Until then I will enjoy every minute of her and cater to her every whim! She loves riding and eating, so we are doing a lot of that. I love hugging and kissing her, so I am doing a lot of that too. I consider myself lucky to have time to spend with her and to say good-bye if need be.

Kirby and I are also saying good-bye to another long-time pet. Radar, the black guy I rescued from a pick-up truck 5 years ago, is in his final days. His back legs are partially paralyzed and he has stopped eating. He is still responsive and seems to be in no pain, but he is 12 and it is time. He too is getting lots of hugs, and pats and treats when he'll take them. He has been a wonderful pet and we will miss him. If you would like to re-read the story of how Radar came to be ours, it is in the Dec. 6th 2002 issue of the Three Rivers News online at <http://news.trcmaine.org/vol2/021203.php>

As I face the loss of my beloved pets, I remember the wise, wise words of a then young Kyle Gero, who had lost an animal friend. I remarked to him that losing a pet was so hard and he said "Yup, but you can't dwell on the sad parts of loving animals, or you might not have room for the good." Thank You Kyle.

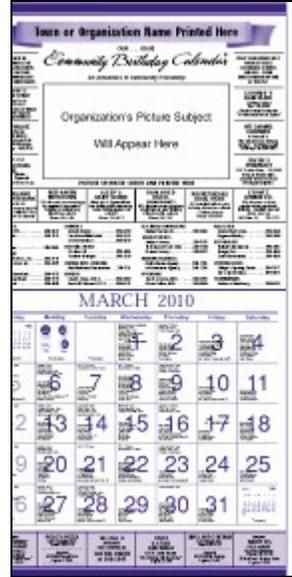
Well, I hate to leave you on such a down note, but I can assure you that the story I will tell next time has a nice ending and a much lighter story. I'll leave you with a picture as a hint.



**Donate Your Items
for the Annual Three
Rivers Kiwanis
Auction in June.
Call Joe at 943-2271**

Yay! It's Community Calendar Time!!

Three Rivers Kiwanis of Milo/Brownville is once again selling Community Birthday Calendars. For years people in our area have been ordering these to commemorate a birthday, anniversary or memorial of loved ones. Clubs or other groups can use the calendars to list their weekly or monthly meeting dates. The calendars can also be used to honor a loved one who is serving their country. Each calendar is only \$5.00 and includes up to 4 listings. Each additional listing is 25-cents. If your club or organization would like to list their weekly meetings, the cost would be a one-time charge of \$12, and each calendar would be \$5. To list monthly meetings, a one-time charge of \$4 and \$5 for each calendar. Here is a chance to publicize your club and help Kiwanis with their projects celebrating children.



The calendars will be ready late this summer, and make a perfect gift for loved ones living away as well as for community members.

ENTER DATES AS MM/DD-- EX. 08/27 IS AUGUST 27TH.

USE THE FOLLOWING CODES TO INDICATE THE TYPE OF LISTING:

(B)-BIRTHDAY, (A)-ANNIVERSARY (E) MEETING (S) MILITARY SERVICE (M) IN MEMORY

You can drop the following form along with your check into any Three Rivers News money receptacle, give it to a Kiwanian, or mail it to:

Valerie Robertson
PO Box 81
Milo, ME 04463

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ # of calendars wanted _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

DATE	TYPE (B) (A) (E) (S) OR (M)	NAME OF PERSON BEING HONORED

Remember: Each calendar ordered entitles you to 4 listings, so if you order 2 calendars you get up to 8 listing!!! If your organization orders 10 calendars you may have up to 40 listings AND ON AND ON !!!

ORDER BEFORE JUNE 16, 2007!!

Milo Fourth of July Celebration Announcement

Milo is planning a celebration on Wednesday July, 4th, 2007, the likes of which haven't been seen since, well, since last year when the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Milo Fire Department was held!!

>>>Local Crafters Wanted for Flea Market in the Legion Parking Lot! Tables can be rented for \$10!

Please call the Milo Rec. Dept. at 943-7326 to sign-up or for more information for the following events:

- >Softball and Tennis Tourney
- >4 Person Try-Athalon (running, biking, and canoeing)
- >Decorated Carriage, Bike and Wagon Parade
- >Kids Games and Contests
 - > Wiffle Ball Homerun Derby
 - > Horseshoe Tournament
- Best Flower Garden Contest (judged by the Milo Garden Club)
- > A Pie Making Contest-and the winning Pies can be sampled at a
 - > Chicken Bar-B-Que to be held during the
 - > Karaoke Contest, at Veterans' Memorial Park

Prizes will be awarded to winners in each category of each event at a Prize Award Ceremony on the banks of the majestic Sebec River
The glorious good Old Fashioned Fourth will be topped off in Grand

Fashion with a Lighted Boat Parade followed by Spectacular Fireworks!!!

Stay tuned for a more detailed schedule and please contact the MRD at 943-7326 with any questions.

A meeting will be held at the Milo Town Hall on Wednesday, May 23 at 7 PM...ANYONE who can help is strongly urged to come and help out!!!



LITTLE MISS & MISS LAGRANGE PAGEANT

The LaGrange Fire Department and the LaGrange Veteran's Memorial will be hosting the FIRST Annual Little Miss and Miss LaGrange Pageant on June 9, 2007. The event will be held at the Masonic Hall in LaGrange at 1 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for 16 and older and \$1 for 15 and under.

Annual Kiwanis Auction

Mark Your Calendar!!!

June 21 & 22



A Kiwanis Fund Raiser- For Item Pick Up Call 943-2271

Now Accepting Items!! Auction Starts at 5 p.m. Lunch Wagon Open at 4:30 p.m. 50/50 Raffle, Bargain Tent, & More Join Us At The Milo Farmer's Union 55 Park St., Milo

Programs Supported By The Auction:

**The Gazebo, Town Hall Arts Center, Reading is Fundamental, Veteran's Day Dinner, Secret Santa, Senior Barbecues, The Three Rivers News, Key Club & Builders Club, Terrific Kids, 5th Grade Outing Club, Hugh O'Brien Youth, Pine Tree Hospice, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, World Vision - feeding children,
Just to name a few!!**