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At a surprise birthday party for Bessie Searles, the biggest surprise to the family was when Bessie climbed on the back of her grandson Darren Smith's motorcycle! Bessie turned 90 on June 1st, so wish her happy birthday if you can catch her!

Annual Kiwanis Auction June 21 & 22

The annual Kiwanis Auction will be held Thursday, June 21, and Friday, June 22. This Auction has been held yearly since the beginning of the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club of Milo and Brownville. It is the most important fund raiser for Kiwanis and provides most of the funding for all the projects provided equally for children in Brownville, LAGRANGE, and Milo. You can be a great help in this fund-raising effort by your donations of good quality items or gift certificates for the auction or for the Yard Sale, or by monetary donations. Your presence at the Auction to bid on items, as well as to purchase 50/50 tickets (\$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00), and to have a snack or supper at our Food Wagon adds money to the funds. It all goes into one fund for our children in the area.

Some of the benefits to children are:

- Bike Safety Program
- Children's Chorus and Drama
- College Scholarships
- Elementary School Outing Club
- Gazebo Tree Lighting
- Key Club
- KPTI Quilts (Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute)
- Library Kids Corner
- Milo Town Hall Arts Center for Children's Plays
- Reading Is Fundamental in all grades through 6
- Reading to School Children
- Recreation Dept. Support
- Secret Santa
- Senior BBQ's
- Terrific Kids
- Three Rivers Newspaper

- Veterans Day Dinner for all area veterans
- Parades
- Brownville River Walk
- Girls' State
- Scouts

Your help with the Kiwanis Auction would be greatly appreciated and would make a difference in what we can do for our children and our communities.

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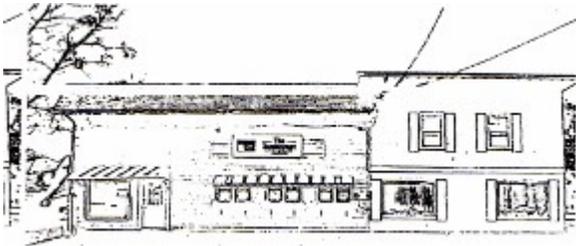
This is the defining statement of Kiwanis.

Derby Grammar School – 1950's



Mary Marks brought an envelope of old photos to a recent Riverside Street Birthday Club celebration. The pictures had been given to her by Rachel Prescott, a former teacher at the school. Many of the children in the photos were instantly recognizable but this cute little girl posed a challenge. Even Linda O'Connor, Nancy Grant, and Sheila Ellis, who attended the Derby school, could not immediately put a name to this image; **can you?** May the initials S.L. would help? Kirby thinks the guy in the background is Larry Wallace.

**STOP BY THE RESTAURANT
AND VIEW A MINIATURE GARDEN AND
PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET TO WIN IT!**
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**MINIATURE GARDEN BY JOI STEVENS  
RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FOR**



**\$5.00 EACH**  
**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO  
KASEY SHERBURNE'S SPAIN TRIP  
DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

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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!

**Milo Rec. Dept 2007 Summer Programs**

The Milo Recreation Department will be offering the following

- programs this summer:
- \* T-BALL- ages 3-7 starting June 18th meeting M,T, and TH at Harris Field until July 5th
  - \*PARSON'S SOCCER ACADEMY- grades K-8 the week of July 9th thru July 13th
  - \*SUMMER BASKETBALL- grades 3-8 starting Monday June 18th thru July 6th
  - \*GOLF INSTRUCTION AT KCC- grades 3-8 starting July 30th and August 6th
  - \*PCYMCA SWIMMING LESSONS- grades 1-6 starting June 18th thru August 6th
  - \*DRIVERS EDUCATION SIGN-UP HAS STARTED AND CLASSES TBA

Please contact the MRD at 942-7326 for more information and to register. Also, registration forms are available at the Milo Town Office.

**Special Thanks to Local Supporters**

On behalf of the MRD, I would like to thank Theresa McMannis and all who participated in the Scrapbooking Crop and their generous donation of over \$150 to the Recreation Department. It was very thoughtful and greatly appreciated by area youth.  
Also a special thanks to Randy Pender who helped repair the concrete blocks in the dugouts at Harris Field at a more than generous rate.  
It is our goal to provide a safe atmosphere for all participants so thanks again for taking the initiative to complete this task.



**Milo Days- 4th of July Celebration Schedule**

- 9AM- TRY-ATHALON which includes a 1.2 mile run, 2.4 mile bike and a 2 mile canoe trip**  
**Coed teams of 4 are welcomed to participate**
- 10AM- FLEA MARKET AND YARD SALE at the American Legion (tables \$10 each)**
- 11AM- SOFTBALL AND MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TOURNEY**

at Harris Field  
Softball games will consist of a 1 pitch/3 inning  
Round-Robin Format

**1PM- DECORATED BIKE AND CARRIAGE PARADE on Water Street**

**DUCK RACE, GAMES, AND CRAFTS for the kids at the Memorial Park on the banks of the Sebec River**

**1PM- GARDEN TOUR local flower and vegetable gardens**

**4P- PIE CONTEST**

**5PM- CHICKEN BBQ at Memorial Park**

**6PM- AWARDS CEREMONY AND KARAOKE CONTEST  
EMCEED by Jeff Beaulieu of NEPTUNE ENTERTAINMENT**

**DUSK- LIGHTED BOAT PARADE**

**DARK- FIREWORKS provided by Blue Hill Pyrotechnics**

**Please contact the MRD at 943-7326 for more information and to register. Also please be aware that from Valerie Jeans American Bistro to the boat landing will be blocked off for this occasion. All traffic will be re-routed but people accessing the river to launch their boats will be accommodated. Anyone who would like to volunteer some time or ideas is encouraged to call the MRD. Thanks.**

### **MILO RECREATION DEPT. FITNESS CLASS**

- Wednesday, June 6-27<sup>th</sup>, will be a 4 week mini session at the Milo Town Hall. Strength Training from 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. and Yoga from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. The total for the 4 week mini session is \$35.00 or \$20.00 for just the yoga. I strongly encourage both classes....our muscles, bones & ligaments need resistance training to help prevent many problems as we age!!!
- Walk in fee will be \$7.00 per class or \$10.00 for both Strength Training & Yoga per night. Paying by the session is the way to go!
- Please bring hand weights and all your yoga equipment. (sticky mat, blocks, pillow)

For more information, please contact Cindy Herbest at 943-2630.

### **AREA SCHOOL NEWS**

**The GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY  
Summer Reading Program at the Milo  
Library is coming right up on June 18.**

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

### **COOK SCHOOL NEWS**



Jacob Baker, Bridgette Spinney and April Morgan were honored as Terrific Kids this week.

Miss Brown: Jacob has been terrific all week. He has written some great journal entries, and tried really hard during reading. Jacob is a great friend and a great teacher's helper. He is kind to others and he is a hard worker. Jacob has put effort into all of his jobs this week and done some quality work. Jacob always brings his books back to school and shows us that he has read each night. Jacob is invested in his learning, and he is a successful student.

Mrs. Carter: Bridgette is our terrific kid this week. She is terrific every day. She has been battling a cold this week and hasn't felt so great, but she has continued to work just as hard as always. Bridgette accepts challenges, and willingly takes on harder work. She is always a nice friend and a great helper in our classroom.

Miss K.: April has worked very hard to earn Terrific Kid this week. She has completed all of her assignments and her homework every day. April is an excellent math student. She is trying hard to be a good friend to all.

- Bus Students: Justin B., Andrew V., Kendra C.
- Artists of the Week: Haley M., Bridgette
- Adults of the Week: Kitchen Queens Kelley C., Ms. Grant, Miss Laurie
- Birthday: Harli Moors (8)
- Father's Day raffle will be drawn on June 8. Call the school at 943-2196 to get your tickets.
- Caught Being Good Gift Certificates: Haley M., Michelle, Kelena, Edward, David
- Move and Improve prize winners: Mrs. Johnston, Haley M., Rachael, Dillon, Haley B., Harmony
- Movie Premiere: Tuesday, June 12 at 8:30 AM. Come and celebrate our year with us.
- June 14: Final Assembly at 8:30. Dismissal will be at 10:30.

At our annual talent show, the following students gave outstanding performances:

- Kendra sang, "I'm a Survivor."
- Kylee sang, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star."
- Tyler told 3 jokes.



- Michelle sang an original song!!!
- Bridgette did a fabulous dance.
- Rachael sang a song from Hannah Montana.
- Jacob sang, "Swing Batter, Batter Swing."
- April sang, "God Bless the Broken Road."
- ShaLynn played her recorder; "Twinkle, Twinkle; America; and Rain, Rain."
- Codie demonstrated his ability to walk on his tippy toes.
- Shalene sang, "Baby Girl."

The talent show was followed by our annual bubble gum blowing contest. After a very close competition, Jenn Baker and Cassidy Parker took home the top prize.

**Bridgette did an amazing dance!**



## 4-H Car Wash

4-H youth and volunteers will be holding a car wash fund-raiser at the Dover-Foxcroft fire station on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM. Cost to get your car or truck washed is by donation. Proceeds from this car wash will go to the Piscataquis County 4-H Leaders' Association to help pay for three 4-H youth to attend the Citizenship Washington Focus leadership program in Washington, D.C. June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 7<sup>th</sup>. Anne Witick and



Katrina & Josiah Corbin will be representing over 2,600 Maine 4-H members at CWF. Please support our Piscataquis County youth by bringing your vehicle(s) to our 4-H Car Wash. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

## Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

The Kiwanis Kids Korner met for the last time this 2007 spring session with 20 children present. Val had adults Michele Lemik and Sharon Washburn to help along with Key Club members, Nicole Carey, Josh Clement and Katie Patten. Jeremiah Hayden also helped out by carrying in one of the biggest cakes I have ever seen. Val made this large chocolate and vanilla cake herself and decorated the yellow frosting with strawberries and blueberries. The "Kids" eagerly enjoyed large pieces of cake with juice boxes to help wash it all down. Pam and I can attest to the deliciousness of the cake as we were given generous samples for our supper.

We have also recently received books from the Junior Library Guild that I don't think I have mentioned in this column before.

Cam's Quest by Dian Curtis Regan is about Princess Quinn who at 16 is supposed to select a betrothed from several dreary suitors. A wizard's apprentice, Cam, would love to be a worthy suitor but his parentage is a mystery. Cam makes a dangerous journey to Outer Earth to try to uncover his past.

Eggs by Jerry Spinelli have no title on the cover. There is just a picture of 6 eggs. It is about two children who miss their fathers and become friends because they prefer each other to a meddling grandmother and a needy mother.

Shield of Stars by Hilari Bell is about Weasel who is a pickpocket until kindly Justice Holis took him off the streets. As things get out of hand, Weasel realizes that to restore justice, he must return to a life of crime.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney is done in a humorous vein in diary style with lots of cartoon pictures. It's told by a middle school boy and really sounds funny.

Up Close:-Robert F. Kennedy by Marc Aronson is a superb biography which examines a fascinating and complex public figure while exploring the 50's and 60's in which he lived. This biography also includes lots of black and white photographs.

Woe is I, Jr. by Patricia O'Connor is a young grammarphobe guide to better English in plain English. This book is also written in an amusing way while guiding a grammarphobe (one who is afraid of grammar) easily through our English grammar.

Please note that the GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY Summer Reading Program is coming right up on June 18. We have posters in the schools and several businesses. We have also sent slips about the program home with the children in the Brownville Elementary School, the LaGrange Elementary School and the Milo Elementary School. Please note also that this program is FREE to all children and lots of FUN. This program will help to reinforce your child's reading ability over the summer while providing him/her with weekly paper & pencil games, toy incentives, food prizes, mascots to pet, and fun, fun, fun. There is a weekly story time every Wednesday and a final party. There is no prize for the most books read as the library uses a contract plan. The parent and child decide together how many books the child will read. Everything is

optional except the reading so no one needs to feel constrained by a schedule. Please come into the library if you have questions.

**Library Summer Hours**  
**Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00**  
**No Saturday hours until after Labor Day**  
**Telephone 943-2612**

## What a great Memorial Day Parade for Milo!



THANKS TO KAREN CLARK FOR THE PHOTOS!!

### IN MEMORIAM

#### Malcom F. Stockwell

MILO - Malcolm "Mick" F. Stockwell, 85, died peacefully in his sleep on Memorial Day, May 28, 2007, at home in Bangor. He was born Oct. 17, 1921, in Bradford, the son of Ralph R. and Ethel (Chase) Stockwell. He lived in Maine and Connecticut, and graduated from Milo High School. Mr. Stockwell served with distinction in World War II with the U.S. Army. He was a member of the 104th Infantry Division, 413 Co. C, and fought in France, Belgium, and Germany. He received several medals for his valor and bravery. He was proud of his service to his country and the things he saw in the service he never forgot. He loved challenges and lived a full life. He played in bands when he was younger, and he loved to dance. He also loved to ski, skate, and golf. In his later years, as arthritis limited his mobility, he took up pool and was a regular at the Eagles Club, Brewer. His several jobs capitalized on his mechanical skills. He won patents on some of his designs for machine parts. As a sideline, he also did plumbing, heating, and electrical work. In his spare time, he worked on cars. He never met a machine he couldn't fix. In his 60s, he worked at the University of Bridgeport, helping design students bring their inventions to life. This was his favorite job because, as he said, he was learning something new every day. He loved his family and worked hard to support them. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Jones Stockwell of Berlin, Vt.; and his children, a son, Terry Stockwell and his wife, Xiu, of Milo, Cheryl Blaisdell and her husband, Joseph, of Southbury, Conn., Samn Stockwell and her partner, Jackie Johnson, of Montpelier, Vt., and Nancy Garcia and her husband, Juan, of Binghamton, N.Y.; a sister, Mary Siros of Brewer; and several grandchildren, Nathan and Gordon Stockwell of Belton, Mo., Russell Blaisdell of Austin, Texas, Joseph Blaisdell of Edgewater, Fla., and Anthony and Abigail Garcia of Binghamton, N.Y. He also leaves behind his caring roommate, Sonny Dyer, who helped him in his last years. Many others knew and cared for him and are too numerous to list here. Friends are invited to call 2-3 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at United Baptist Church of Milo, with the Rev. Ernest Madden officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 22 Atlantic Ave., Brewer, ME 04412.

#### JOHN COTTON

SEBEC - John Cotton, 96, died May 30, 2007. He had suffered for several months with a combination of ailments related to his advanced age. He was Sebec's oldest citizen. John was the son of John Storrs Cotton of Burnt Hills, N.Y., and Ada Gertrude Chapple of Little Falls, N.Y. He was born Jan. 15, 1911, in Washington, D.C., where he spent his childhood. After his graduation from the University of Maryland in 1934, he went to work for the Civilian Conservation Corps. John married Marion Catherine Hoglund, in 1936. Later he taught at the University of Maryland and became an extension soil conservationist for the Maryland State Extension Service. In the course of this employment, he established soil conservation districts in 20 of the state's 23 counties. While studying for his master's degree in agricultural economics at the University of Maryland, he published several articles and bulletins. After leaving academia, John and his partner, Ed Davis, started the Greenway Planting Service, which seeded and sodded schools, factories, highways and large military installations. In 1952, he and Marion purchased Kinsdene, an old estate in Glenwood, Md. Throughout the years the couple became the largest Christmas tree growers in Maryland and West Virginia, and one of the largest in Maine. At one time, the family's Kinsdene Nursery was probably the largest retail operation by volume in the Baltimore-Washington region, selling more than 500,000 azaleas in the area. At the end of his career, John returned to the academic community and taught part-time at the University of Maryland. In 1976, the family retired and moved to Maine. Here, John was instrumental in establishing a low-head hydroelectric plant at the head of the Sebec River. Perhaps the greatest tragedy to strike the Cottons was the death of their daughter, Elizabeth, in a fire that destroyed the Glenwood family home. In addition to being a successful businessman, throughout his career John distinguished himself as a tireless worker, community activist and noted philanthropist

**Penquis C.A.P announces its Summer Fun Program** starting June 19th through August 2nd. The Summer Fun Program offers fun team building activities, community service opportunities and field trips for 12 to 15 year olds in Piscataquis County. The Summer Fun Program will meet at the Penquis C.A.P. office in Dover-Foxcroft on Tuesdays from 11:00 to 3:00pm and Thursdays from 10:00 to 5:00pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided. There are a limited number of slots available so please get your applications in by June 18<sup>th</sup>. You can pick up an application at the Penquis C.A.P. office at 50 North Street in Dover-Foxcroft or you can download an application at [www.penquiscap.org](http://www.penquiscap.org).

If you would like further information, please call Penquis C.A.P at 564-7116. Penquis C.A.P.'s After-School and Summer Fun Program is funded in part by a grant from the Maine State Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") and The Piscataquis Public Health Council, a Healthy Maine partnership.

## Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville



### May 23, 2007 Meeting Highlights

Seventeen members of gathered at The Restaurant for the weekly meeting and were joined by interclubs from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis and Orono-Old Town Kiwanis clubs and Josh Clement, President of Penquis Valley's Key Club.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eben DeWitt and Herb Dunham offered the Morning Prayer.

Birthdays for the week included Herb Dunham on May 25<sup>th</sup>, Eben DeWitt and Nancy Grant on May 28<sup>th</sup> and Virgil Valente on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Many Happy & Sad Dollars were donated and included concern for a nephew who fell asleep at the wheel and missed a pole and a stop sign, hope that one politician in the world may be honest, for the good Bike Rodeo, happy that Herb is back at the meetings, and being able to stay to the whole meeting.

An interclub is planned to Dover Kiwanis on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Ellison, Auction Chairman, reports that pickups for auction items are underway.

Jim Macomber reported that the Bike Rodeo held on May 19<sup>th</sup> went well with 25 kids attending at the Milo Elementary School. Helmets were given away and kids were educated about bike safety. Thanks to everyone who helped make this event possible.

Letters will be going out about the JSI Golf Tournament to be held in August.

Speaker Chair, Neil Hamlin, then introduced the speaker, Dr. Ben Kittredge, who is Chairman of the Piscataquis County Response Team for a Flu Pandemic. Mr. Kittredge explained to us that the prior worst flu pandemic was in 1918 and took the lives of 50-100 million people throughout the world. Of this number, about 5000 were in Maine. Today seasonal flu claims many elderly, infants and those with health concerns, but the 1918 flu claimed more in the 20-40 year olds than any other age group. Migratory birds and poultry carry the virus and people who work with poultry are extremely susceptible to contacting it.

One of the characteristics of the 1918 flu was that it came in two waves and lasted a year. A flu pandemic can have a big effect on communities when workers involved in fire and police protection or hospital workers become infected with it. The infrastructure of a community can be crippled.

The government is poised to have vaccine manufactured, but due to the ability of the virus to mutate and change each year, vaccine cannot be prepared ahead of time. The result would be a huge amount of illness, which would affect our way of life.

Symptoms are similar to seasonal flu - sore throat, cough, respiratory cells may die and you would have a hard time exchanging oxygen for carbon dioxide. Your system works harder, carbon dioxide builds up in the lungs and eventually can cause death. Ventilators can help but there are very few around and few people trained to use them. Health care centers could become understaffed and overrun because of the numbers, which might become affected. Add routine health problems along with a pandemic and alternate care sites may be needed. Local, state, and U.S. government agencies are trying to develop plans but realize that there may not be an answer for everything they may have to deal with. In

Individuals should have a plan that includes a supply of non-perishable food items and water to last 2 - 3 weeks. If and when this happens, you should avoid groups and crowds. Hand washing is extremely important against warding off viruses of any type. The duration of this flu can be a week to ten days or more if there are complications.

Thank you to Ben Kittredge for a very interesting and informative presentation.

Next Wed. meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> will be at The Junction in Brownville, Jct. at 6 p.m. for a supper, entertainment by the Belvin Family, and an auction.

Lois Trask, Sec.

### Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville

#### May 30, 2007 Meeting Highlights

Fourteen members and twenty guests enjoyed a social evening at The Junction store in Brownville Jct. for an evening meeting, which included dinner.

Guests included spouses, friends, an interclub from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, three members of Penquis Valley Key Club and their advisor, Katie Robertson-Joyner.

The Prayer was offered by Ed Treworgy and Eben DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Happy and Sad dollars were given for the Yankees and underpaid Red Sox, for one member running the light at the Green Bridge; for the auction scrounging patrol and their bad backs and legs; for Key Club President, Josh Clement, who is a great young man; for bring their lovely wife; for Paul's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Auction raffle tickets are ready and will be distributed this week.

After dinner, the Belvin Family graciously entertained us with humorous karaoke renditions of many songs, which everyone enjoyed. This was followed by a "pig in a poke" auction. Auctioneer Jeff Gahagan, who is practicing for the upcoming Kiwanis Auction, got into full character and auctioned off many items to generous bidders. All had a good time.

Lois Trask, Sec.

#### MSAD 41 School Budget Meetings

MSAD 41 will have an informational meeting, Wednesday, June 6, 2007 at Penquis Valley Library, 8:00 p.m. The District Budget meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at

## UP ON THE FARM

By Valerie Robertson



Yup, that's what the bees look like! I had never been around a working hive, and when I pulled a frame from the hive to see how my bees were doing I was amazed. There are 10 frames in each section of the hive, and every frame was a-buzz with activity. Thousands of bees-actually tens of thousands of bees-were busy making wax and honey to care for the thousands of baby bees. What an interesting process the whole cycle is. The drone bees only live 3 weeks so the queen bees is always busy laying eggs and the workers are doing what needs to be done to ensure the eggs make it to adulthood.

I haven't been stung yet, nor has Kirby. I rarely wear my net or gloves when working near or around them, but I do suit-up when I go into the hive. The bees aren't apt to sting unless they are really threatened, so I move slowly and never swat at them or try to smooch them. Perhaps they are extra nice because they are grateful for the flowers I have decorated their hive with, not to mention the sweet little bee stickers I have all over the hive top. As with every pet I have, I like them to have as nice a home as possible!

And now for an update on Kierra. As you may recall, two weeks ago, May 19<sup>th</sup> to be exact, we found out our dog, Kierra has lymphoma. This is a common cancer in American dogs, and fortunately, it is very treatable. About 50% of dogs with lymphoma can be put into remission. Most lymphomas respond very well to modern therapy by using a combination of chemotherapy (sometimes radiation, although not very often) and immunomodulation therapy or some equivalent immune system enhancers. In dogs which are otherwise healthy this type of cancer has one of the highest remission rates of any canine cancer.

The lymph system is the body's "other" circulatory system, circulating white blood cells and most importantly, lymphocytes. These are specialized cells involved in immune function found throughout the body. In normal healthy dogs, these cells are manufactured in the bone marrow, go through a life span of around 30 days, and then die off and are re-absorbed into the body or eliminated through the waste channels. In Lymphoma, the regulation of production is lost and these cells proliferate in large number, or they lose their programmed life cycle and continue to live on, overwhelming the other blood cells. High white blood cell count and swollen

lymph glands are the characteristic signs of this disease, followed by lethargy, loss of appetite and leading eventually to death unless treated. Kierra was in the early stage when we detected her swollen glands, and had absolutely no other symptoms.

Canine Lymphoma is usually treated with a special chemotherapy called the Madison Wisconsin Protocol, which we have started on with Kierra. On Thursday, May 31, I met with Dr. Stephanie Monk, an oncologist at the Veazie Vet. Clinic. I was very emotional (blubbering), and had lots of questions which she answered completely and compassionately. I stated right up front that as much as I would like to have Kierra live forever, I didn't want to subject her to any treatments or medications that would cause pain or sickness. She assured me that neither did she.

Because Kierra had already started on Prednisone, the next step, the first step of the chemo protocol was to administer a powerful anti-cancer drug that was injected. Kierra needed to stay at the clinic for 2 hours to be monitored, so I left her in the hands of Darrell, a very kind technician.

And then I cried and fretted and worried. I hated leaving her, but all of my fears were quelled when I went back to pick her up. Darrell led her into the front room where I was waiting and there, to my astonishment was my OLD Kierra!! She was wiggly and jumpy and kissy, and perfect!! My fears and doubts vanished and I knew I had made the right decision! On the way home I stopped at Kentucky Fried Chicken and Kierra and I ate two whole chicken breasts-she had the meat, I ate the skin-and it was a wonderful time.

As I write this it is Sunday, 3 days since the chemo, and Kierra still feels well. I was sent home from the vet's with anti-nausea and anti-diarrhea pills. Kierra has had diarrhea for the past 12 hours so I have started her on the pills to combat that. The Dr. advised she eat a special home-made dog food, which coincidentally I had already begun making and feeding her, and Kierra loves it, so getting any needed medications in her is a breeze by mixing them in the food. She is still on a high dose of Prednisone, a steroid which causes her to drink gallons of water and pee gallons. Consequently she is up every two hours asking to go out-day and NIGHT, but you know, it is actually OK to wake up every two hours to that sweet face and gentle "woof", because she is here and that is what matters.

Tuesday we go back for what is to be a weekly dose of one drug or another. Tuesday's is Vincristine, as cancer cells divide and multiply they kill good tissue. Chemo targets these bad cells, and Vincristine is very poisonous to a process of this division. Because it is such a potent poison, the IV injection must be done slowly, as the drug causes sores on skin if it makes contact. As before, I have to drop Kierra off for a few hours. I hope I get the same reception from her!

In all, the treatment may last 25-weeks. Each week will be a different drug and reaction. I am prepared to halt all treatment if I think Kierra's quality of life is at all compromised or deteriorating. Unlike with people, it would be impossible to explain to a dog "I know you feel awful, but in a few weeks you might feel better". So we will take each week as it comes, and hope for and expect the best. In the meantime, I appreciate every minute with her and cater to her every want. She loves to ride in my van, and she loves food-So we keep riding and eating, which makes us both happy!

# 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 27<sup>TH</sup>.

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:

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Milo, ME 04463

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**



Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # of calendars wanted \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 !!!**