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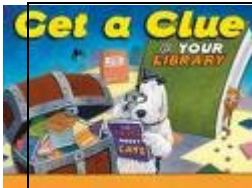


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Annual Kiwanis Auction June 21 & 22

The annual Kiwanis Auction will be held Thursday, June 21, and Friday, June 22, at The Milo Farmers Union Parking lot. 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.

BENEFIT SPAGHETTI SUPPER: The American Legion Junior Auxiliary will be hosting a Benefit Spaghetti Supper on Saturday, June 23rd from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at the Legion Hall on Railroad Ave. in Brownville Jct. Proceeds from the supper will go toward sending State of Maine Honorary Junior President Taylor Lovejoy to the National Convention in Reno, Nevada in August. Your support is greatly appreciated



GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY summer reading program.

Encourage your children to continue to keep up their reading progress as they have a summer of fun with new books, prizes galore, a story time, paper and pencil games, puzzles, toy incentives and a final party. Come in to start the program on June 18 at the Milo Free Public Library. For the older reader, Heather Webb is presenting a TEEN READING CLUB which will meet at the library at 2:00 on June 18. See what's happening at your local library.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS

Mon.-Weds.-Fri.---2:00-8:00

SWIMMING LESSONS FOR MSAD 41 CHILDREN BEING OFFERED!!!!

To: MSAD 41 Parents
From: Rebecca Casey, PRYMCA
Swim Lesson Coordinator
Re: 2007 Summer Swim program



The Piscataquis Regional YMCA



is pleased to be working with the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club offering swim lessons to the children ages 6-11 years old in MSAD 41. Lessons will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. beginning on June 26, 2007. Our experienced PRYMCA swim

instructors will be teaching swim lessons to your child for sixteen classes. Each class will have approximately 8-10 participants. Children will be placed in classes according to their individual level of swimming ability. Instructional flotation devices will be provided for children who are beginner swimmers. Your child does not need to bring flotation devices from home. If desired, he/she may bring goggles.

Registration forms are available at the PRYMCA or at the Milo or Brownville Town Offices until Monday, June 25. The cost is \$22 per child for 16 lessons. Transportation will be provided by MSAD 41 and Three Rivers Kiwanis Club. Children should be dropped off at the Superintendent's Office parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. and picked up after lessons by 10:30 a.m.

Please contact the Y if you have questions or concerns at 564-7111. We look forward to teaching your child swimming skills and the value of water safety while having fun at the Y this summer!

KIWANIS BIRTHDAY CALENDARS

Chairperson Sheri Conley would like to have all the calendar orders in by Friday, June 22. She will be attending the weekly meeting on Wednesday and will gladly collect the orders at that time.



Phil Gerow and a group of concerned citizens with the help of the PVHS

Key Club

are sponsoring a Blood Drive on June 19th at the Town Hall from 2 - 7 p.m.



On June 24th the Penquis Cruizers will host their 18th Annual Cruize-In

...at the JSI Store Fixtures parking lot on Route 11 in Milo. The event begins at 10am and will feature the usual activities - a Bumper Ball Contest, Rap Contest, and an auction of car-related items as well as donations and gift certificates from area businesses.

If the weather cooperates, organizers expect that there will be at least 100 cars - antiques, classics, street rods, trucks, and other "special" vehicles - attending the Cruize-In. Dash plaques will be given to all who register a vehicle. Admission will be \$3 for each person attending the event; children 12 and under will be admitted free if they are accompanied by an adult or \$2 if unaccompanied. There is no charge for entering a vehicle - only for entrance to the event.

The Cruize-In is different from many car shows in that there are not classes of vehicles with trophies given for the winners of each class. This is an opportunity, says club president Fred Worcester, for car and truck enthusiasts to get together and show off their cars to others who are interested in the same hobby. It's a chance for them to talk to others who enjoy the sport of automobiling and let others see their rides. There will be some trophies and awards given out for winners of the various contests, for the person who drove the longest distance to get to the show, for a vehicle in the process of restoration, for the club with the most members registering, for a hard luck story connected to one's attendance at the Cruize-In, and for the vehicle voted as "favorite" by those who have registered. There will also be a Kids' Raffle held.

The Rap Contest allows participants to "rev up" their engines to see how loud their cars are. A decibel meter is used to measure the loudness. Good judgment is needed to win the Bumper Ball Contest where participants see how close they can back their vehicles up to a post with a ball on the top. The winner will need to be the closest one to the post without knocking off the ball.

There will be a 50-50 raffle going on throughout the day. The winner must be present to win. The club is also raffling off an L.E.D. poster titled "Porky's Chevy Showdown". Tickets will be available the day of the show and can also be purchased at S&L Auto Parts in Milo prior to the show. The winner will be drawn at the end of the Cruize-In on Sunday.

Tune Time DJ Service will be providing music throughout the day. The Three Rivers Kiwanis will sell refreshments at their Snack Shack. Vendor spots are available by calling Susan Worcester at 965-8070.

The contests will begin about 11:30 and the auction at 1pm. Awards and raffle winners will be announced at the end of the auction. Spectators are encouraged to attend between 11am and 1pm in order to see the most vehicles. Admission is the same for spectators as for participants in the show. For more information about the Cruize-In or about the Penquis Cruizers, contact Fred or Susan Worcester at 965-8070.

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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!



Dawn Russell relaxes by the campfire as all the members share their favorite outing club memory.

Pattie Ottmann gives last instructions to the Outing Club members before we took off on our biking trip.

Dawn Russell's 5th grade Outing Club enjoyed a GORGEOUS "Non-Rainy" weekend at Hadley's Campground in



Bar Harbor to round off their season. The Outing Club enjoyed the weather first and foremost...and took advantage of it by swimming numerous times, biking on the trails in Acadia, mini golfing, hiking Gorham Mt., having a rousing game of kick ball.....with Donnie Lundin kicking a homer, tag football and best of all sitting around the campfire eating s'mores. A



big thank you to Dawn Russell and all the chaperones who made this trip possible.

The First Grade at Milo Elementary School celebrated the end of the school year with an afternoon of fun. First on the agenda was OOBLECK! This mysterious substance comes from Dr. Seuss. It is ooey-goey fun. Next, came the first annual bubble gum blowing contest. Miss Gerrish was the winner with a 4 1/2" bubble. Second place went to Mitchell Carey, Brandon Jones, and Faith Brown with 3 1/2" bubbles. Third place winner was Selena Sibert with a 3"



bubble. Rounding out the day was a cherry pit spitting contest. Students who landed their pits the furthest were Cooper Brown, Brandon Jones, Melvin Ames, Austin Rancourt, and Julian Maxcy. A Fun time was had by all.

FREE SUMMER FUN PROGRAM FOR YOUTH 12-15

DOVER-FOXCROFT—Penquis CAP will offer its free Summer Fun Program 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 Penquis CAP, 50 North Street, 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 is no cost to participate.

Applications are available at the Penquis CAP office and on the Penquis CAP web site at www.penquiscap.org. Applications are due June 18th. There are a limited number of slots available. For more information, call Penquis CAP at 564-7116.

The Penquis CAP After-School and Summer Fun Program is funded in part by a grant from the Piscataquis Public Health Council, a Healthy Maine partnership, and the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. The Maine DHHS grant of \$40,772 covers 76% of project costs.

SHOW TIME!

The second annual dog show "Doggy Idol 07" will be held at the Brownville community church lawn and Pavilion on June 23 at 1P.M. If you need further information please call 965-8341 or 965-2330.

Registration will begin at 12:30 P.M. Bring the Doggy's license and a record of their shots. The entry fee is \$5.00. Join in the fun and enjoy a snack from the concession stand.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

As many of you may know, Pam is on vacation. She and Eileen (her younger daughter) flew out to Milwaukee, Wisconsin last Monday to visit with her older daughter, Becky, who attends school out there. Pam was excited to be seeing the area that has been home to Becky for several years now. We all hope she is having an interesting and relaxing vacation.

Back home in the library our substitutes have been helping me keep our patrons satisfied. On Monday Susan Duedall worked. We had a very busy day, and Susan completed processing some new fiction that Pam had to leave only partially finished. On Wednesday Belinda Raymond worked. It was a slower day, but Belinda isn't one to sit. She dusted and straightened shelves that were out-of-line to her. She neatened up the discards and hoped it would encourage patrons to buy some books. Not 10 minutes later a patron chose five to buy. We are always glad to have our discards sell to make room for more. Friday Margaret Pinette helped out. We had a more computer user day so Margaret was able to help prepare summer reading program materials. She busily put packets of papers together and also set up the bulletin board. Our substitutes are a big help to us always.

We had another box from Baker & Taylor this week.

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| Coulter, Catherine | DOUBLE TAKE |
| Hamill, Pete | NORTH RIVER |
| Lowell, Elizabeth | INNOCENT AS SIN |
| Meyer, Joyce | THE PENNY (Christian) |
| Parker, Robert B. | THE EDENVILLE OWLS |
| Peterson, Holly(YA) | MANNY (a male nanny) |

The GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY Summer Reading Program starts Monday, June 18. We have already had several youngsters sign up and anticipate that many more will be in this week. As a special treat ONLY this week along with the food prizes drawing on Friday evening, we will also be giving away 3 juvenile GET A CLUE@ YOUR LIBRARY orange tee-shirts. Giving the tee-shirts as prizes in the first week will allow the children to wear the shirts all summer encouraging others to join up too. Although youngsters can sign up all through the program, to have a chance to win the shirts, they must sign up the FIRST week.

If your child is between the ages of Preschool through Grade 6 (just completed grade 6), they are welcome to join our free program. When folks ask us if their child is too young, I state if they will listen to a story we will be happy to sign them up. We have signed up children as young as two years.

We use a contract plan-the parent and the child decide together how many age-level books the child can comfortably read. There are NO PRIZES given for most books read. We have mascots for children to pet, temporary tattoos, stickers, paper & pencil games, toy incentives, food prizes (pizza from the Milo House of Pizza, sodas from C&J Variety, and ice creams on-a-stick from the Milo Farmers Union), many new BOOKS, lots of FUN, and a final party. We also have a Story Time every week at 2:30 on Wednesday with community readers. Our reader on this coming Wednesday will be Phil Gerow. Children do not have to be members of the summer reading program to attend the Story Time. If you have a child visiting at your home on Wednesday during the summer why not

bring them into the library for the Story Time. Every child is welcome.

We hope to see you in the library this summer bringing your child or grandchild to our program, taking out books for yourself, using our computers or letting us help you in any way we can.

Library Winter Hours

Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00

Telephone 943-2612

MILO REC NEWS

Parson's Soccer Academy Price Reduction!

Chris Parsons, the assistant coach for the UMaine Men's Soccer program, will be hosting a soccer academy at Harris Field from July 9th through the 13th for grades K-8. In order to accommodate this particular area, he is willing to offer the camp for HALF PRICE in this area.

Along with his experience and 2 players from the UMO team, they will be teaching the fundamentals of the game, focusing on techniques of offense, defense, goalkeeping, etc. In addition will be a World Cup theme in which all participants will get an introduction to the international venue as well.

Camp costs are as follows: K-2 will run half days from 9a-12p for a price of \$42.50. Grades 3-8 will run full days from 9a-3p for a price of \$85. This includes a camp t-shirt, prizes and giveaways. (Note: all-day campers will be asked to bring their own lunch)

The mission of this camp is to include as many local youth as possible and the MRD will make sure this happens. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the MRD at 943-7326.

TO THE EDITOR:

HI YA! Having just come home from a trip "UPTOWN", here is a little something I wanted to run by you. Nothing says the Beginning of Summer to me as much as when I hear the first few "HOT NUF FAW YA?"s Equally Winter with "Cold NUF FAW YA"s A close second for Summer is "Those DAMNED BUGS_____ !!! Now, among us are those who have been around our "STATE BIRD", the BLACKFLY, long enough that they have developed an immunity of some sort. My sympathies lie with those poor, unsuspecting souls who come here to enjoy all the beauty, splendor, fun and frolic we have to offer but had not bargained for: the "BUGS"

SOOOOOOOO----- I was thinking, as I sometimes do-what a nice public service it would be if folks who read your publication (and WHO DOESN'T?) shared with you their own personal, tried and true methods for keeping the little "BUGGERS" at bay and the TRN could publish a FEW over the next few months! Would that be a neighborly thing to do? OK, let me get the ball rolling- Course we have to all remember to avoid using scented soaps, shampoos, perfumes, aftershaves, and the like as we head outside. Try to stay as NATURALLY scented as possible without offending your family, friends and neighbors TOO MUCH!

There is a neat little gadget at the Milo True Value Hardware called the THERMACELL; I have the compact model

& it works for me! Stop in and get the details from John, Barbara, Shelia, Don or any of the other KNOWLEDGEABLE folk there. Even if you don't buy one (they are not that costly) at least you will be "IN out of the BUGS" for a bit.

I first heard about these from JH who writes a SPORTS column for the BDN. It works for me!!!! Also, remember a few years back when everyone was using the BOUNCE drier sheets to rub on their skin? That seems to work well too. IT HAS TO BE BOUNCE THOUGH!!!! NO CHEAP IMITATIONS!!!!

So---If folks out there would share their ideas about the "BUG" issue, how they have coped and lived to tell the tale, what a vast storehouse of information we will have tapped & what a great COMMUNITY service will have been accomplished! What do you think?
Judy Morrison

Editor's Note: How about it folks? Any of you have any tried and true ways to battle the Little Black Buggers?



BLACK FLIES & SNOWFLAKES

I was a bit taken aback when I was driving by Mountain's Market in Dover and saw in large black letters on their marquee "BUG JACKETS". I thought to myself, "If we put jackets on the bugs won't they be able to make it through the Winter? ", and "How do you get a jacket on the teeny-weeny things?"...I mentioned this to Barb and Don at True Value and they assured me the jackets were for people to wear to protect them from the bugs, not as I was picturing it, Live and learn I always say!

The Belvins at The Junction General would like you all to check out their updated website at:

<http://www.thejunctiongeneral.com/>

There are events every weekend, and Drive-In Movies!!

All concerts this year are still only \$10.00 each, which includes overnight camping if you wish.

June 23rd 7:00p.m.-Over Drive classic rock cover band from Bangor

June 30th 8:00 p.m.-CCR The Bayou Boys Return from Toronto, Canada A tribute to Creedence Clearwater Revival from Toronto Canada

August 4 6:00 p.m.-Aerosmith Tribute-Mamakin Returns from Ontario, Canada

(It's also John Belvin and his classmates' 25th class reunion) (1982)

August 18th 6:00 p.m. Man vs Himself Power house band from Portland rocks the stage. Special appearance female singer as well

Aug. 25 8:00 p.m. -Elton John Tribute (Yellow Brick Road) Straight from central Maine.

Drive In Movies are now playing at The Junction; Karaoke, concerts or movies going on all summer

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Allan and Norma Horne wed 72 years!!

Allan and Norma Horne celebrated their 72nd Wedding Anniversary Saturday at a small family gathering. Shown in the photo are Allan and Norma along with their five children: Tom ,Linda, Karen, Hap and Janet. Others attending the get-to-gather were spouses, Carol Barnes



Horne, Larry Keef, Michael Clark and Donnie Richards, Grandson Brett Horne and guest along with nephew Charles W. Horne, Jr.

Cake and ice cream were enjoyed. Norma was given 2 dozen long stemmed yellow roses, a tradition started many years ago by hubby Allan.

The Horne's also had a son "Ricky" , who died in 1970.

DERBY GRAMMAR PHOTO

The third graders in the picture published in last week's edition are Rita Willinski Mountain and Donald Hogan.

Now do you recognize the Milo resident in this recent photo??



These pictures were taken on his Memorial Day trip to Washington, D.C. He was part of "Rolling Thunder" an annual

event on Memorial Day when thousands of motorcycles descend on the nation's capital to honor veterans and raise awareness for POW/MIA issues. This year the procession took over 3 hours from the time the first motorcycle left the Pentagon until the last one ended up near the Reflecting Pool.



The Marine you see in one of the photos held a salute for the entire 3 hours while each motorcycle passed as his way of saying thanks to the veterans. This same Marine has volunteered for the past several years. The day ended with a concert at the end of the Reflecting Pool with Paul Revere and the Raiders."

If you do recognize this dude, you will also realize he is very excited to attend and preside over the PVHS Alumni meeting to be held in conjunction with Brownville Days the end of August. Make plans now to come home and celebrate our school and its graduates!!!

IN MEMORIAM

ESTHER M. WALLACE

MIL0 - Esther M. Wallace, 95, wife of the late George A. Wallace, died June 15, 2007, at her residence. She was born Nov. 28, 1911, in Stacyville, the daughter of Raymond and Lydia (Ryan) Perry. Mrs. Wallace was a member of the Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post No. 41 Ladies Auxiliary. She was a member of the Episcopal Church. She is survived by a son, Carroll Gerry of Vanore, Tenn.; two daughters, Catherine Smart of Medway and Isabelle Warren of Milo; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by three brothers, Lawrence, Leon and Edgar Perry; and two sisters, Eula Roberts

and Eleanor Copeland. Burial will be in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery.

Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville



June 13, 2007

Meeting Highlights

Three Rivers Kiwanis met at The Restaurant on June 13 with 17 members present.

Frank Cochrane led the Pledge of Allegiance and George Barton offered the Morning Prayer.

President, Ethelyn Treworgy, welcomed several guests including interclubs from Orono-Old Town Kiwanis and Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Clubs, Penquis Valley Key Club Pres. Josh Clement, Vice-Pres. Jennie Goodine, and Advisor Katie Robertson-Joyner. Virginia Macomber, daughter of member, Jim Macomber, was also a guest.

Birthdays being celebrated this week included Nancy Harrigan on June 13 and anniversaries being celebrated included Mike & Angie Comeau on June 17 and Sandra & Leo Gray on June 19.

A communication was received from Kiwanis International regarding proposed by-law amendments, which will be voted on at the international convention in San Antonio in July.

Happy dollars were given for the Yankee come-back; Harrigan's return from FL; Dog House Award going to Chris Almy; a great 60th birthday party in AZ with Johnny Cash & June Carter as special guests; Doc Sherman making emergency vet call on Graduation Day; auction donations; red pickup in breakdown lane loaded and looking like Beverly Hillbillies that turned out to be Bob Ellison with auction stuff; wife having birthday and looking younger every year; Key Club missing its bell; noticing kids riding without bike helmets and providing the six kids with helmets from Kiwanis; and one young lady was happy because her dad was happy. An announcement dollar was given for picnic to benefit Moosehead Workers on June 29.

Calendar orders need to be in this week and Herb Dunham reported that the JSI Gold Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 24. Nancy Harrigan will be making plans and looking for volunteers for the Senior BBQ's.

Key Club Pres. Josh Clement reminded everyone about the Blood Drive at the Town Hall on June 19th from 2-7 p.m. They will also be helping with the Kiwanis Auction on June 21 & 22.

Speaker for June 20 is Merlene Sanborn and on June 27 Paul Grindle will furnish the program.

Pres. Ethelyn filled in members about the Board of Directors meeting that was held on June 7.

The Food Wagon is under repair with a new window and paint and a newer refrigerator and freezer will be put into it. Other repairs will need to be done in the future. The Food Wagon will be at the Auction and at the Penquis Cruizers Cruise-In on June 24.

We had no applicants for the Kiwanis Scholarships this year, so no book awards were given out at graduation.

Josh Clement has asked for help with the cost of attending a Leadership Conference for National Defense in Washington, DC in the fall and the board voted to donate \$300 to the Key Club to be used for this purpose.

The Board also voted to donate \$ 100 towards camp sponsorship to the Piscataquis Soil & Water Conservation Camp held at Foxcroft Academy.

Kiwanis and the Key Club are working together to get a Builders Club organized in the Middle School. Progress is being made and paperwork is being completed so this can be started in the fall.

Janet Richards has informed the club that she is unable to step into her office of President in Sept. so her resignation was accepted with regret and the club will need to find a new president.

A resignation was received from Dr. Steven Arnold and accepted with regret also.

It was also voted to pay the Kiwanis membership dues for the Key Club advisor if she wished to join our club.

In a special meeting, the board voted to provide \$700 for the Y Swim Program to bus children to Dover for swim lessons for 8 weeks and an application for Kiwanis membership was received from Ben Kittredge and was accepted.

Lois Trask, Sec.

Regional School Consolidation Meeting

A Regional School Consolidation meeting will be held Wednesday, June 27, 7 p.m., Dexter Regional High School Cafetorium, Dexter. The meeting is open to the public. During the meeting, Department of Education officials will outline the requirements and provide information and assistance on consolidation.

Under the law, communities are asked to consider forming a Regional School Unit of at least 2,500 students and containing at least one publicly funded high school. Units that vote against reorganization will be penalized by a 50 percent reduction in the minimum subsidy, a 50 percent reduction in system administration funds, less favorable consideration in approval and funding for school construction and the loss of eligibility for transition adjustments. In addition, the state subsidy for units that opt out of consolidation will have their GPA subsidy frozen at 53.86 percent rather than the 55 percent share voted into law two years ago.

Once the public informational meetings are completed, communities will have until Aug. 31 to file an "intent to reorganize" with the commissioner's office and begin working on developing their consolidation plan. The plan must be in place by Dec. 1.

Reorganization planning committees must be formed locally to determine the structure of the proposed Regional School Unit. The size and composition of the new school board and the method of voting will be determined by the planning committees. School budgets must be approved by the voters within the regional unit.

The final plan must then go before the voters of the proposed RSU. If the plan wins voter approval, elections will be held for seats on the regional school board. Municipal elections, which will be paid for by the state, must take place by Jan. 15. Communities have the option of delaying the vote until June 10, but that election will not be funded by the state. All school units must be operating by July 1, 2008.

Up On The Farm

By Valerie Robertson

I want to start by thanking all of you who have sent well-wishes and concerns for Kierra. She is doing wonderfully! She has had 4 chemo- treatments and so far only one bad day. The dose last Tuesday caused absolutely no side-effects, which is of the utmost importance to us. We will NOT let her be sick in order to prolong her life. The time she has left absolutely must be pain-free and with a great quality of life. Right now she is her old self, and I can't feel any of the 8 lumps she had in her lymph glands. Hopefully this remission will last many, many months.. You have to remember that a month of a dog's life is equal to 7 months of people time!!

And also, many of you want to know "What's the Buzz on the Bees?". Well, they are amazing! I sit and watch them for hours. What an active bunch they are! Our yard is abloom with lupines, irises and chive blossoms, and each flower is

visited frequently by the little workers. The acres of blueberries will be in bloom soon, and the bees will certainly earn their keep by pollinating each plant. I can't wait to see how the harvest is affected!!.

Ozzy and Jack, our sweet little goats, have spent the last few days in the stall....what a waste of beautiful weather! But the darn fellows are so "bugged" by black flies, mosquitoes and horse flies they refuse to come out where there might be one. We go through this every year, so I know that once the biting pests calm down, Ozzie and Jack will spend the nice days lounging in their fenced in yard. They are VERY particular about what constitutes a good day, and bugs make for a bad day for goats.

The guinea fowl have been busy as can be laying eggs and then trying to set on them long enough for them to hatch. It takes 28 days and that is fine. The part that's not so fine is that Mama Guinea always picks a spot in the middle of a field to start her setting. Any of a number of predators can come along and snatch her up and turn her from a happy Mama-To-Be into a Dinner-For-One. I have become an expert at detecting broody guineas and can tell from their chatter if they are sitting on a bunch of eggs. I then gather up her and her eggs, put most of the eggs in the incubator to finish hatching, and put her and a few eggs in a secluded section of the coop to resume setting.

Invariably the move stops her instinct to hatch the eggs and she gives up and stays in the yard happily eating and drinking. When birds begin their hatch, they have been known to sit on the eggs for weeks at a time without eating or drinking. I know this is nature's way, but I choose to help Mama along by hatching her eggs for her, thus freeing her up to hang out with the rest of the birds, while probably keeping her from being killed. Consequently I have 75 guinea eggs in my incubator. I don't expect many to hatch, but I'll give them a chance. I don't even know for sure they are fertile...I haven't actually seen any of the Mama's doing the mating thing, but perhaps they are a bit more discreet than the chickens and ducks, who think that mating is their visual gift to the world. It becomes a bit embarrassing when we have young visitors and it looks like Spring Break at Cancun in our yard, but that's nature!!

Well, that's this week's update on the Birds and Bees. It may be a week or two before I get a chance to write again as besides my normal activities next weekend, I have to work at the Snack Shack at the Kiwanis Auction, then again at the Cruize-In. The next weekend is the Milo High Alumni Dinner and Suzy Ricker and I are catering it. The week after that is Milo's 4th of July Celebration and Suzy and I are planning the chicken Bar-B-Que on that day...., I hope to see all of you come out to support these events. There is no excuse for anyone to be bored in Milo!!

**Be sure to stop your favorite
Kiwanian and buy a few 50/50
tickets. You could win hundreds
of dollars!!!**

MILO IS HAVING A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY FAMILY FUN- DAY AND FIREWORKS!!

Events include:

- At 9 AM a Try-Athalon consisting of a 5 mile combination of running, biking and canoeing. The route was made with families in mind, a little bit of running and biking on the shady side-streets and ending with canoeing, 3 person teams, all ages welcome!!
- * Also at 9 AM a Mixed Doubles Tennis Tourney held at Harris Field Call to register!
- * Starting at 10 AM, a Flea Market and Public Yard Sale at the American Legion Yard.
- * 11 am- A Softball Tourney consisting of 3 single-pitch innings in a Round Robin format using both fields at Harris Field. All you need is 8 friends and a sense of humor!!
- * At 1PM kids' events begin at 1pm at Memorial Park on the Sebec River. There will be a Duck Race, Decorated Bike and Carriage Parade, Bounce House, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Games, Prizes and much, much more.
- * Also at 1 PM, a Garden Tour of area floral and vegetable gardens
- * 5-6:30 Chicken BBQ held at the Gazebo in Memorial Park \$6 for adults, \$4 for Seniors and children under 12.
- 6 to Dusk...Live Audience participation Karaoke presented by Neptune Entertainment
- FIREWORKS detonated by Blue Hill Pyrotechnics beginning around 9p



This celebration is intended for all ages and the kids events (excluding the Duck Race) are offered at NO COST.

For more information or to register for any of the events please contact the Milo Recreation Department at 943-7326.

The mission of this event is to provide local entertainment with as little traveling as possible. We hope to see you there!

A pie judging will be held at the Milo Town Hall from 11am-1pm

All area cooks are invited to create a pie or two and bring them in for our judges to sample and rate!!

Then the winners will be announced at the Awards Ceremony at 7:30 on the banks of the beautiful Sebec River.



SAVE YOUR GAS, WHILE HAVING A BLAST!!