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*"We would like to thank everyone for their support over this past year after our son Michael's motorcycle accident. He has made tremendous progress and appreciated everyone's well wishes."  
The Morton Family*

## THANK YOU!

On Saturday, June 23rd, the American Legion Junior Aux. in Brownville Jct. held a Benefit Spaghetti Supper to raise money for me to attend the American Legion National Junior Convention in Reno, Nevada in August. Because of the generosity of so many people my trip is a lot closer to being a reality. I would like to thank all who worked at the supper, those who donated to it and especially to the people who came to enjoy the meal. Without all of you it would not have been the success that it was. Thank you all very much.

Taylor Lovejoy  
Honorary Junior President  
State of Maine



Many of you identified last week's anniversary couple as Ellen and Edwin DeWitt...shown here with son Stevie. Below is their beautiful cake made by Peggi Dean...The Dewitts plus cake make for wicked good time!!



## 4th of July Celebration Results!

Alan Monroe's face-painting was a very popular attraction.



The Community Events Committee would first like to thank all who participated in the events that took place on the 4th of July. We also appreciate everyone showing up in a timely manner and providing a family atmosphere we all could enjoy.

The first events Wednesday morning were the Try-Athalon and a Tennis Tournament. Finishing first place in the Try-Athalon was the father/son combination of Rocky and Scott Wyman and Joey and Jesse McLaughlin. Finishing second all the way from Sebec were Pam Manly and Tony Estes. Finishing in third was the team of Linda Champaigne, Jeremiah Hayden, Noah Bissell, and Katie Joyner-Robertson.

Also beginning at 9am was the Tennis Tourney. First place was a split between the teams of Travis Ellis and Lindsay Hamlin, Ian Carey and Kate Hamlin. Finishing in third were the injured Torrey Ellis and Robin Demers.

The Softball Tourney that took place at Harris Field was won by Wyman and McLaughlin Enterprises, All the teams

consisted of athletes well-rounded in body and spirit. Finishing second was the Local Legends and lastly was Billy's Bombers who made the trip north from Cape Cod to compete in this event.

The Pie Contest (which was judged by Ricky Bradeen, Herb Carey, and Denise Hamlin) proved to be a very enjoyable event for all who were involved. First place was a Peanut Butter Cream Pie made by Billie-Jo Hoffman. Second place was a Blueberry Crumb made by Joy Russell. Third place was a Rhubarb pie made by Lindsay Hamlin, who did I mention also has an unstoppable forehead and blinding first serve?

Finally, the much awaited Duck Race that took place in the Sebec River was decided after fighting with gale-force winds and 30-foot seas. The winner of the \$100 first place prize was Alex Bryer (figures- he's the nephew of Chris Rhoda who could find luck in an old rusty hubcap!). Alex's older and wise brother Brandon, who made a deal to split the winning loot 50/50, collected the bounty on behalf of his brother. The second place \$50 duck was purchased by Katie (Comeau) Arritt and the third \$25 duck was purchased by Scott Larson.

Thanks again to everyone who participated and made this day special. We hope you all enjoyed the activities and appreciate the display of good sportsmanship from all. Be sure to keep you eyes and ears open for upcoming events within the Milo Recreation Department.



The day ended with a BANG!!

**Soccer Clinic Replaces T-Ball at Harris Field Starting Monday July 16<sup>th</sup>**

Taking place during the same activities hour the T-Ball consumed will be a soccer hour offered for kids ages 3-7 at Harris field beginning July 16th. The activity will begin at 10am and will be held on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. There will be NO CHARGE for this program. Remember to bring proper footwear and sun block. For more info please contact the MRD at 943-7326.



These faces are cute..even without the painting!!



The Spiderman Jump House was another big attraction!!

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Thanks again and I look forward to working with you all again in the near future.

To the Editor:

### **COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY**

Today, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I took two dogs for a walk to the town's Veteran's Memorial Park. From the Main Street end to the boat landing we ran across four piles of doggie doo-doo. Tomorrow the town plans to have various holiday goings-on at the park. I sincerely hope that some child (or adult), out for a good time, doesn't roll or step in any of it. It's bad enough to see dog poop along the sidewalks and the road but on the park lawn it's inexcusable. You aren't the only one using it!

In case anyone thinks I don't like dogs, I love them (I'm not always so impressed with the owners, though).

I am a foster mother for "Life's Little Paws" cocker spaniel rescue. At present I have 6 dogs at my home and whether I keep them at home or walk them around town I pick up after them. I carry little containers which attach to a leash that contain pick-up plastic bags but one doesn't even have to spend any money to pick up after their dog; the plastic bags that the Bangor Daily News comes in can be pulled up over one's hand and wrist, pick up the doggie poop and just pull the bag down over it and tie it to deposit in the next waste container you come to. No fuss, no mess.

I'm sure that this letter will have just as much effect on this problem as the letter that I wrote last year about lawn sale signs that are not removed after the sale is over had on that one, but I intend to see if we can't get a local law passed that people must pick up after their pets. Maybe I'll work on lawn sale signs, too.

*Peggi Dean*

P.S. After I wrote the ravings about doggie-doo I heard two different stories. Debbie Page was seen picking up after her dogs - way to go, Debbie! I also heard that the night of the prom when the kids were at the park taking pictures, a couple who were there with two dogs just walked off and left doggie messes behind. Let's hope they are all dressed up sometime and step in some poop!

### **Milo/Brownville T-Ball Meeting July 11th at 5:30**

The Milo and Brownville T-Ball teams will be squaring off on Wednesday July 11th at 5:30 at Harris Field in Milo. Any children participating in either program are invited to attend. T-shirts will be handed out at this time and parents who want their child's picture taken should show up at 5p.

### **Special Thanks on behalf of the Milo Rec. Dept!**

This 4th of July the Milo Rec. and Community Events Committee planned a celebration for the town including many activities for children and adults, a BBQ, and capped the night off with an awesome display of fireworks.

I would like to thank the community for being supportive and responsive to all we had to offer. Also, without the following groups and people and the preparation and hard work of so many this never would have been possible: the Community Events Committee, Neptune Entertainment, Key Club, Kiwanis, Milo True Value and Farmers Union, Milo Fire Department and Public Works, American Legion, Maine Savings, Matthew Hamlin, Mary Lou and Bob Lee, Katie Joyner-Robertson, Chad Gerrish, Joe Zamboni, Tammy Goodine and family, Herb Carey and Ricky Bradeen, Stan Pokrywka and last but most importantly the Milo Recreation Committee.

### **Bair's Driving School Beginning**

Anyone 15 years of age and older that would like to register for Bairs Driving School needs to do so by calling the MRD at 943-7326. Classes are going to start on July 10<sup>th</sup>, but sign-ups will be taken all this week and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-11:30. Participants are reminded to bring their original birth certificate, social security card and a parent to the orientation class. The cost of the class is \$435.

### **She's back...**

The Three Rivers News is happy to see Karen has been busy taking and sending us photos, along with her news reports!! Yay for us! We hope her partner/hubby is feeling well.

**Milo High School Class of 1957 held their reunion at Pleasant Park.** Charlie Artus, Eleazer Carver, Harry Carey, Gary Cochrane, Bob Curtis, Dalton Dunfee, Jud Gerrish, Charlie



Henderson, Carlton Rumery, Paul Sherburne, Eddie Youngblood, Audrey Bragg, Betty Hall, Francis Hoskins, Carolyn Howland, C Nichols, Cookie Pray, Judy Richards V. Stone.

I'm missing one of the ladies names: I used maiden names as I didn't get all of the married names and for some reason Bob Curtis disappeared in the picture I sent. Sorry about that Bob:

Lady of the Lake Red Hatters meet monthly during June July



Aug and Sept. at area restaurants. June's meeting as shown was at Elaine's. July's meeting will be at THE RESTAURANT at noon on July 18th:



Bob and Ginny Fifiel attended the MHS 1957 class reunion: Shown with Michael Clark Class of 1955. Bob was a former teacher at MHS in the mid 50s and later came back to be Principal. Ginny was office secretary while Bob was Principal: They live in Woodland /Baileyville and at their summer place in Deer Isle/ Stonington; going to California for their winter months to be with their children.

## Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

We at the library hope you had a glorious Fourth of July. The Town of Milo had a full day of activities for everyone who wanted to stay in town and have fun, and I hope many of you took advantage of the entertainment. I was out of town for the afternoon at the Maine Veterans' Home where four men from Piscataquis Masonic lodge #44, The Singing Masons, presented a patriotic sing-a-long. As we were early, Walter went in to visit Allen Horne of Milo who is a resident there. Later I saw his daughters, Karen Clark and Janet Richards, who had been visiting with him and then talked to me for a bit. At 2:00 p.m. The recreation room was quite filled with about 20 residents, most in wheelchairs, and many visitors. As Don McDougal, Tim Osnoe, Stan Reed and Dee Shina warmed up and readied their equipment, the recreational director made the announcements and introductions. And then we had a rousing patriotic sing-a-long. The words of the songs were well known, and Dee gave a little history and the dates of each song for added interest. Don's laptop provided the music, the four men belted out the well known songs, and many of the residents and guests joined in with the singing. Songs like "Yankee Doodle", "My Country 'tis of Thee", "It's a Grand Old Flag", "America the Beautiful", and "This Land is Your Land" set all of our hands to clapping and our toes to tapping. The most touching part of the whole program though was when "The Star Spangled Banner" was played and sung. The visitors stood, of course, but many of the veterans stood, slowly and stiffly, but proudly and one of them even saluted. I know I had tears in my eyes, and I don't think I was the only one in that room to feel that way. It was a very inspiring and enjoyable

program. The Maine Veterans' Home made us feel very welcome as the recreational director passed out lemonade and cookies to residents and visitors to make it an even more pleasurable afternoon. I had not actually planned to attend the program but was very glad that I did as it was a wonderful way to celebrate the Glorious Fourth. In the evening Walter and I enjoyed the marvelous fireworks show put on by the town. A Grand Day in every Way!

Now to books. We have had non-fiction book donations from Dearle Flint, one of our substitutes. Thank you, Dearle. These are the titles.

Angelo, Bonnie  
Brinkley, Douglas

FIRST FAMILIES  
THE GREAT DELUGE  
(Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans)

McGregor, Ewan &  
Boorman, Charlie  
Wead, Doug

LONG WAY HOME  
(Motorcycles from London to NY)  
ALL THE PRESIDENTS' CHILDREN

A month or so ago Eleanor Heath gave me a monetary donation and asked me to get juvenile books that the children would enjoy. Pam suggested The Magic Tree House books by Mary Pope Osborne. These books have been very popular, and while I was in Borders, I picked up two. Pam made lovely book plates on the computer, which will identify these special books from Eleanor. The books I chose are:-

DRAGON OF THE RED DAWN  
WINTER OF THE ICE WIZARD

Last Monday morning I called in an order of books to Baker & Taylor. When I went into the town office on Tuesday afternoon, they had arrived! I must admit, I was amazed. Shipping is free from that company, but they certainly do not skimp on shipping costs. As we were closed Wednesday, we have not processed all the books yet, but we are working on it. And speaking of books, the most applauded book ever is less than 2 weeks away-HARRY POTTER AND THE DEADLY HALLOWS. Please DON'T ask for it early as we CAN'T give it out before July 21<sup>st</sup>. What an exciting month for Harry Potter fans-Book # 7, and movie # 5!



Little League is in full swing in the Brownville-Milo League. In this game it was the Mets vs. the Red Sox. Here, Jessica Clement stands up to bat for the Mets with Trevor Lyford behind the plate.

The 195th Army Band Concert held June 30, 2007 in Milo, Maine at the Gazebo. This event was co-hosted by the Three Rivers Kiwanis and Post 41, American Legion.



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**FROM GRAMMIE'S WEATHER DIARY**

July 1987

- 9-Cloudy am T shower in evening-62° at 10:11 pm.
- 10-Foggy sunny breeze-58° at 5 am.
- 11-Foggy cloudy-74° at 12.
- 12-Foggy all day-60° at 10:30 pm.
- 13-14-Foggy all day shower in night-60° at 5 am.
- 15-Little fog rain sunny windy-64° at 12.

**UP ON THE FARM**

I finally have a moment or two to stop and catch everyone up on the multitude of happenings at our place! Actually it isn't multitudes of happenings, but dozens of babies that has been the news this week!

Many of you remember me telling you of finding a lone baby chick who had hatched and miraculously made it through the day in my yard-avoiding cats and dogs and all of the other critters who hang around our place waiting for a free and easy meal. Well that little guy was soon joined by 20 other chicks that had hatched in a classroom in Dover. Mrs. Berger, the teacher, asked me for 20 fertile eggs, which I gathered and gave her. Three weeks later 20 babies which I happily took. A friend of mine in Bradford took ten and the remaining guys have been residing in the nursery section of the chicken coop.

Now when I gather up the eggs I have no idea which hen laid them, or which rooster sired them, so each hatch is a total surprise as to size and color of the chicks. There are 15 possibilities for the mama, and three for the daddy, and normally I wouldn't have a clue who sired who, but I think I can narrow it down for two of the chicks. Shown below are Sid and Nancy, and as you can see, they have a unique "Hair Style".



This is a huge clue, I believe, in determining paternity. Now I'm not claiming I could determine the correct father in all cases, for example my theory might not have worked in the Anna Nicole Smith case, but I think I have it nailed for these two. The first picture is of one of the three possibilities, Sidney, and the second is of Glen. They are your normal old run of the mill roosters and while they are very "lovable", if you catch my drift, I don't believe they are Sid and



Nancy's dads. I think that honor goes to Rod, the guy in the



last photo. How do I know this? I guess I have a gift. Or perhaps it's the family resemblance!!

I mentioned there were dozens of birds to write about, and the reason I was so vague is that I don't have a clue how many babies came into our world this last week. Let me start at the beginning.

Three weeks ago I had a request for guinea eggs so I went looking in the coop. I found no guinea eggs there, so I knew from past experiences that the female guineas were somewhere setting on eggs, the term is "Broody". From what I understand the process goes like this: All the female guineas lay and lay and lay in a pile then one of them "Goes Broody", which means she sets on the eggs for the 28 days it takes for them to hatch. During this time she barely leaves the nest, only every 5 or six days for a few minutes to run and get a bite to eat and a drink then scurries back to keep the eggs warm.

I also knew that the broody guineas usually nest within sight of the house in order to have access to food and water and because guineas are the loudest, most out-spoken birds I know, they can't help but join in when the rest of the guineas get gabbing. I waited until the guys hanging around the front yard started chattering and sure enough, I heard a distant squawk in the field in front of the house. I followed the sound and found Mama-to-be setting on a pile, no a HEAP, of eggs, 25 in all!! I gathered them up and took them in the house to make sure they stayed warm as I heated up the incubator.

As the incubator heated up to 100-degrees, I went outside and heard another distant squawk and followed it to the second nest! I gathered up another 30 or so eggs and placed them and the first bunch in the now warm incubator. I didn't place much store in them hatching, but I hoped a few would, as I am always being asked if I have extra Guinea keets. The date that I started them was June 14<sup>th</sup>, and since it takes 28 days to hatch guinea eggs I decided that if I didn't have any hatch by July 14<sup>th</sup> I would toss them out.

On Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> I woke up to a full day ahead and the sound of faint peeps. It was coming from the incubator and I looked in and saw the peeping guy had poked one teeny hole in his shell. Once a chick or keet starts pipping, it usually takes a day or so to emerge, but as I had a busy day at the Fourth of July celebration planned, I readied the brooder with food, water and a heat lamp to be ready for the baby after he hatched and dried off in the incubator.

I remember a hatch 3 or so years ago when only one of twenty eggs hatched, and recalled that I had asked Patty and Al Estes for some baby quails to raise with the lone guinea. I feared I may have to do this again and planned to ask them if they had any babies.

It turned out my planning was for naught. When I returned to the house later in the day not only had the first chick worked his way out, but he had been joined by 5 others!! I took them all to the brooder, showed them how to drink and left them happily hopping about pecking at their feed.

It was late that night before I returned home, tired from the wonderful Fourth of July Celebration John Pokrywka had spear-headed. I opened the incubator and there were 4 more keets. I was thrilled!! 10 babies would be great!

Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of July I was scheduled to work at my Post Office job, so I awoke at 5 am. I checked the incubator and there were four more babies! I gathered them up and introduced them to the food, water and their brothers and sisters. What a nice flock of babies I now had. I jumped in the shower and when I went back to the incubator and there were two wet, newly born chicks. I left them in the incubator to dry and headed to Dover to deliver the mail. Not rain nor sleet nor the birth of Guineas would keep this courier from her appointed rounds.

I arrived home at 3:30 PM, opened the incubator and found 7 more chicks. All I could think of was popcorn-my incubator was popping out keets.

So here it is Sunday and I am up to 30-something new babies. It is impossible to count the babies and I wasn't exactly sure how many eggs I put in the incubator. I do know there are 19 more eggs in it, and 4 of them are popping open as I write. I have a brooder full of babies, and none of them will stand still long enough for me to get a good count. So I have devised a little game called Count The Keets. I have provided you with a few pictures of the keets. You come up with a number and let me know. I would count them, but I'm too busy moving them from the incubator to the brooder and I must go... I can hear the pop! pop! pop! of eggs opening as I write.....



How many brothers and sisters do I have? Go to the next page and start counting!!!

(The dates on the 3 rooster pictures are wrong; My camera fixed itself before I took the keet pictures, so they have the correct date)

