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## Milo High Class of 1963



From left to right: Brent West, Lois Grindle Trask, Carol Donald Hall, Bobby Ellison, Cheryl Folsom Fairbrother, Virginia Washburn Foss, Kevin O'Conner (Class Marshall), John Brown, Linda Hoxie Smith, Billy Mulherin, Cathy Bradeen Knox, Benny Ogden, Nancy Hamlin Ehrlenbach, Danny Nutter, Cecilia Smith Treworgy, Larry Brown, Cedric Rhoda

On Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 16 members of the Class of 1963, along with friends and spouses met at Bobby and Tanya Ellison's Medford home for their reunion. A total of 31 folks attended, including teacher Phil Gerow and Class Marshall, Kevin O'Conner.



**We can't believe little Sammy is still at PAWS! She is so sweet and perfect! Call 943-5116 if you would like to see her in person.**

**Jeremy Bousquet and the Milo Recreation Department Committee would like to send a heart-felt "Thank You" to everyone who helped make our Milo Days 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration such a success and so much fun!! We are planning a even bigger extravaganza for next year, so keep in touch at [The TRC Forums.](#)**

### **4-H Fund-raising Events**

**Nor'easter Restaurant Benefit Breakfast** 4-H invites the public to attend our 4-H benefit breakfast fundraiser at the Nor'easter Restaurant in Dover on Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Seating for breakfast will be 8:00 - 8:30 AM. Cost is \$10 per person for a full breakfast with coffee. The chef at

the Nor'easter will be cooking specials such as omelets and breakfast casseroles. Please come and enjoy a delicious breakfast and visit with the 4-H helpers. A special thank you goes to the Nor'easter Restaurant for offering 4-H this opportunity to raise funds for their youth development projects.

**"Shop for a Cause"** 4-H'ers are also busy selling Macy's passes for the "Shop for a Cause" fund-raiser sponsored by Macy's. You can purchase a \$5 shopping pass which entitles you to receive 20% off your purchases at the Bangor Macy's on September 20<sup>th</sup> or at any Macy's store nation wide. The entire \$5 goes to 4-H! On September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Bangor Macy's Store will be giving away thousands of dollars in prizes. All you need to do is drop your pass into the drawing box. What can you do to make this a success? 4-H sells \$5 shopping passes to the event. 4-H keeps the proceeds from every shopping pass you sell. It's that simple! By purchasing a shopping pass, customers can support 4-H, while enjoying a day full of extraordinary discounts and events throughout the store. If you wish to purchase a \$5 pass from 4-H, please contact Linda Whitten at the Extension Office at 564-3301 or 1-800-287-1491. Proceeds from both of these fund-raisers will be used to provide youth development opportunities to the 4-H youth in Piscataquis County communities.

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**Penquis Alumni Reunion**

**Friday, August 8th**  
8pm - Bon Jovi / Journey Concert at The Junction

**Saturday, August 9th**  
9:30am - Brunch at PVHS  
10:30am - Business Meeting at PVHS  
11:30am - Tour of the High School  
2-5pm - Individual reunions  
(classes organize on your own)  
8pm - Aerosmith Concert at The Junction  
(tents & chairs advised)

BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30.

SEE YOU THERE!



## LaGrange Days

The LaGrange Fire Department and Veterans' Association are holding their second annual LaGrange Days on July 18th and 19th, 2008.

Activities for July 18 ~ 5:00 PM - Kids Parade at the Cook School circle. Decorate anything with wheels (non-motorized). 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prizes.

~ 6:00 PM - Supper. Ham & Salami Italians at the LaGrange Fire Station.

~ 6:30 PM - Auction. All new items.

Activities for July 19: ~ 9:00 AM Parade Line-up

~ 10:00 AM Parade: Masonic Hall to Fire Station

~ 11:00 AM Lunch: Hamburger, hot dogs, sausages and French fries.

~ 11:30 K-9 Demonstration

~ 12:00 PM Drill Team Performance

~ 12:30 PM Women's Skillet Toss

~ 2:30 Kids Pig Scramble Age groups (5-8) (9-12) Adult Pig Scramble \$5 entry fee

~ 4:00 PM Lawn Tractor Pulls

~ 5:00 PM Chili Cooking Contest followed by supper: Chili, Chili Dogs & Meatball Subs

~ 6:00 PM Local Blues Band

On July 19th, there will be vendor spaces available. Vendors may set up at the firehouse anytime before the 10:00 AM parade. Please call Jen Baker @943-2402 or email her at [jrbaker@surfmk.com](mailto:jrbaker@surfmk.com) to register for a space or for further information about LaGrange Days.

## Milo Days 4th of July Tennis Tournament Results

The first tennis tournament of the season took place on the 4th of July in Milo. The tournament was part of another successful Milo Days.

The weather was perfect for the 114 tennis games in three categories. The doubles teams played very competitive tennis from 9AM until 4PM. The players ranged from College Students - home for the summer - to Senior Citizens! Everyone enjoyed the perfect day for competitive tennis. The Results: Women's Doubles winners are Lindsay Hamlin & Colleen Miller

**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

(Missoula, MT), Kate & Chris Hamlin were second and Robin Demers & Mary Lou Lee finished third. Mixed doubles was won by Ernie Madden & Robin Demers, Russ Carey & Chris Hamlin finished second with Bob & Mary Lou Lee in third. Men's Doubles was won -- two sets to one by Ernie Madden and Todd Lyford over Torrey Ellis & Bob Lee. The winning teams received Tourney Winner T-shirts. All the players and spectators enjoyed the super weather and festive spirit.

Fun tennis continues every Tuesday evening (5PM to 7PM) and Sunday afternoon (2PM to 4PM) at the Milo Courts. Open to all tennis players age 16 to ?? Call Mary Lou at 965 9721 for more information.



Left to Right  
Women's Doubles: Robin Demers, Mary Lou Lee, Colleen Miller, Lindsay Hamlin, Chris Hamlin and Kate Hamlin



Mixed Doubles: Ernie Madden and Robin Demers  
Men's Doubles: Torrey Ellis, Ernie Madden, Todd Lyford and Bob Lee



## PVHS 2008 REUNION PLANS

This year's reunion will be held on August 9th at The Junction General Store in Brownville Jct.

Please check the website for up-to-date information.

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10:30 am - Business Meeting at PVHS

11:30 am - Tour of the High School

2-5 pm - Individual reunions (classes organize on your own)

Tents by decades will be set up by Belvins

Alumni should bring more tents, grills, lights etc.

8 pm - Aerosmith Concert at The Junction

MEMBERSHIP-Membership in the Penquis Valley Alumni Association is open to anyone who attended Penquis Valley High School, or any faculty and staff who worked there. Dues are \$10 per year, and are payable at the annual meeting, or can be mailed to Lynn Gerrish, 133 Stickney Hill Rd., Brownville, ME 04414.

You may also sign up by going to : [TRC Forums... Alumni Sign-Up By Class](#)

## WHAT'S UP DOC?

By: Dr. Kevin Chasse

Q: I am trying to lose weight and I have heard many different types of diets. Is there any one diet you would suggest?

A: You really need to have a balanced lifestyle and a healthy diet! Eating smaller meals and not going too long between times that you eat is very important.

Having a small snack of fruit or vegetables between meals is a great choice. Exercise is very important to your success! Don't think of it as dieting, but changing your diet.

That's all folks! Dr. K

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## Milo Free Public Library

By Judith D. Macdougall

If we had a key word for this week, I guess that word would be SUBSTITUTES. Pam took Monday and Wednesday off and two of our substitutes filled in. Josie Morrison worked on Monday and discovered how the the summer reading program progresses. We had several children in but we were not rushed which gave her a good chance to see how things work. Dearle was also in for her volunteer 1 ½ hours and showed Josie some of the processes. When Dearle left, Josie enjoyed taking over the job of stamping the children's hands with a variety of insect rubber stamps and helping them sign up for prizes along with her other library assistant jobs. We had a good day.



As Pam was also absent on Wednesday we had to have a substitute that day too. Wednesday is a busier day with the summer reading program children centered around Story Time. Dearle has worked on several SRP programs and also Story Time days so she was experienced to help move things smoothly in the rush. Many families leave the children's book lists at the desk during Story Time and pick them up before heading out again. This gives the staff a chance to record the books read, get stars ready, etc. Story Time is a quiet time upstairs and gives us a chance to catch up.

On Wednesday morning I got a call from Debbie Knapp who was to be our Story Time reader that afternoon. She was ill and would not be able to read. I have a few readers who have offered to fill in when necessary so I started calling. One was away, one had a doctor's appointment, but thankfully, Chris Beres was free and glad to help out. A problem solved with another substitute.

I chose the books for Chris who came early enough to look over the material. She read to 8 children who enjoyed The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash by Trinka Noble and The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle. She had been familiar with these books, but also read one book that everyone enjoyed that she did not herself. That book was Red Red Red by Valeri Gorbechev. The story summary is that Turtle tells his friends he is going to see something red, but is in such a hurry that he neglects to tell them what is red. As everyone follows him, they are guessing it is Rabbit's red watermelon, Fox's red socks or a red fire engine. "No! No! No!" says Turtle. When they all finally reach the top of the hill, there it is—a beautiful red sunset! We certainly appreciated Chris coming in with such short notice. She assured us she had enjoyed the chance to read. We have wonderful community helpers in our library.

At the beginning of this third week the desk charts have gone up. Readers' names, books contracted and stars for books read are on the charts which are located on the front and side of the big circulation desk. Readers, Listeners, and friends enjoy checking out their names to see how the SRP members are progressing with books read and stars. Patrons also enjoy seeing which children have signed up.

We now have Wireless Computer Capability. That is probably not the official name, but that is what patrons seem to ask for. Jerry Cole installed the wireless, and several laptop owners have taken advantage of this technology. You are welcome to come in. The technology seems to work best in the basement, but that room is comfortable with natural air conditioning.

For the past 5 years our library SRP has benefited by receiving a free manual from Collaborative Summer Reading Program (CSR) from the Maine Library Association's Youth Services Section (MLA/YSS). It has made preparing the SRP much easier. On Monday evening as I was reading my library e-mail, I had a shock. It was announced that due to budget cuts, libraries in the state would not be receiving the 2009 manual. The state hoped they would be able to provide manuals again in the future. Librarians were up in arms. To cut this program where children's education was concerned. The cost to the state would have been \$3,467. They did pay the dues of \$345. Anyway, an enterprising librarian, Kelley McDaniels, found out more about the problem and discovered that libraries in the state could secure the manual by paying \$10.00 out of their own budgets. I quickly posted the Milo Free Public Library to her list, and soon after received confirmation that we will be

receiving a manual. What a relief to know we are all set for 2009.

Library Summer Hours  
Mon.-Wed.-Fri.---2:00-8:00  
Telephone 943-2612

### Rec News



It was an exciting playoff game for the SeaDogs in Brownville on Thursday night. The team won their first playoff game 1-0 on an over the fence home run by Coltin Larrabee. It was a very exciting game and all the players did an excellent job. Here, the team meets Coltin as he crosses the plate.

**Then,** The Seadogs played the Dover Braves for the Championship on Saturday.....the Braves got their bats going in the third inning and came out victorious, beating the Seadogs 4-0 on a beautiful Saturday up to Brownville Jct. The Brownville Rec. hosted the Championship Saturday with the final games for Farm League, Junior League and Little League.

The Seadogs finished in second place in the newly established Penquis League, consisting of area towns such as Charleston, Dexter, Dover, Sangerville, Guilford, Greenville, Brownville/Milo/LaGrange. The League consisted of 3 divisions which included Farm League (8-9 yrs.) Junior League (10-11) and Little League 11,12 & 13 yrs.

This is the first year for the new league and it was headed up by Keith Libby of Dover who really got the ball rolling last fall by contacting the Rec. Dept. from these towns and prospective coaches to set these teams in motion. All in all, with the exception of the rain for a week and a half, the schedule was well thought out and worked out that it finished up right on time.

Thanks to all the towns who participated and for heading up a new program that will greatly benefit the baseball programs later on.

For all Rec. Dept Programs, click here! [Rec Dept. Schedule](#)

### **BRAND NEW!**

A son, Sean Michael Whitten, born to Monique Goyette and Michael Whitten of Milo on June 25, 2008. Wt. 7 pounds 5 ounces.

A daughter, Jenna Louise Grinnell, born to Heather Perry and Justin Grinnell of Bangor on June 27, 2008. Wt. 7 pounds 3 ounces.

### **GRAMMIE'S WEATHER JULY 1991**

14-Rain cloudy ½ hour of sun-56° at 6:15 am.  
15&16&17-Sunny windy.

18-Partly sunny then P. cloudy-90° at 1 am.  
19-Sunny hot-104° at 11 am.  
20-Sunny-104°.



## PAWS News

By Valerie Robertson

As Summer gets into full swing, we are busier than ever at PAWS. We are now completely on our own, operating as a 501c-3 Non-Profit group, and we couldn't be happier! Donations are rolling in at a record breaking pace, and that money, along with the und-raisers we work so hard, at we are confident we can provide the best possible care for area strays. We have plans to button up tight and insulate the shelter so we can heat the building with a minimum amount of fuel, and we have folks volunteering to help with the work to implement these plans, so we are thrilled.

We have a BIG fundraiser planned for Labor Day Weekend...You'll never guess...OK..I can't keep a secret!

TRAVIS COWING is doing a Charity Show and he's bringing friends!! On Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 8 PM.. prepare to laugh! The night will be a great one,. All of the details aren't set yet. Just know that it will be a fun and memorable night .

Thankfully, we have had a few adoptions this week, as we had set an all time record with 14 cats and kittens coming to the shelter in ONE day!! We have 15 adorable kittens available, as well as many wonderful adults, so if you are looking for a companion (or two!) call 943-5116 to schedule a visit.

The sweet little Bunny mentioned last week has a new home. I was surprised I never heard from his owner, but I had an offer from my friend Jane to give him a home, so he is going to live on a farm!

As always, we thank you from the bottoms of our paws for all you do to help!! Our communities make PAWS possible.

## Growin' Up in Maine

This blog features childhood memories of Growin' Up in Maine during the 50's and 60's in Derby (pop. 300) which is a suburb of Milo (pop. 2500) and about one hour north of Bangor. Visitors are welcome to share stories of Maine.

**About Me**-Jim Degerstrom-Born 1949 in Milo, Maine

Three generations of the Degerstrom family lived in Derby, Maine from the early to late 1900's. This small railroad

town was more like a suburb of Milo with 2,800 combined population.



Monday, April 30, 2007

## Maine Blizzard of the Century

In late December 1962 the perfect storm of the century hit Maine with 6 feet of snow in places, and 20 foot drifts. Normally Maine snowplow drivers can keep up with heavy snowfall by driving non-stop day and night, but not this time. This storm was a nor'easter, and she won the battle as the blizzard of the century closed down the entire state.

My job was to shovel out the car which was parked in the yard. First I had to find it. Before that I had to go upstairs because the only exit was through a bedroom window on the second floor and onto the shed roof. Next, I stepped off the roof, or perhaps I should say up. It sure wasn't down because drifting snow was up to the second floor.

With broom in hand I began poking the handle into the snow until I heard a clunk. Continuing along, no clunk meant I found the edge of the car, and within 15 minutes I had a perfect outline poked in the snow. The next step was shoveling out about a foot from the outline, and then 6 feet down to get to tire level. An hour or so later I was done for what it was worth. It would be a few days before roads were clear to go anywhere.

Back then Derby had a post office, and a zip code. Both are gone, so today Derby will be found under Milo, and if you plan on a visit don't bother searching for a Holiday Inn. Anyway, back to the storm... the post office finally opened and to enter you stepped down into a 6 foot square hole to get to the door.

Someone in my family must have that photo of our porch from the 1962 storm. The main door was through the porch, and the entrance was a tunnel, and in one photo of my Mom it looks like she's crawling out of an igloo. Ayuh. That was a good'un.

Saturday, May 5, 2007

## Spring Rafting on Cedar Logs

My hometown is known for its 3 rivers. Cedar log rafting on white water is dirt cheap, and extremely dangerous, but one early spring in the 1960's 2 teenagers from Derby, Maine and I decided to give it a try. My brother, a best friend, and I took the notion to abandon the calm water of the Sebec River for a wild rafting adventure. It was an annual ritual to build replacement rafts because any from the year before were long gone.

About a mile downstream from the old swimming hole, the Sebec converges with the Piscataquis River. From near the mouth of the Piscataquis and all the way upstream just beyond the iron bridge, huge rocks meant the rapids were especially wild during the spring thaw. The plan was to build a cedar log raft a mile up the Piscataquis, ride the rapids, and then take the raft up the Sebec and tie her up or set an anchor near the old swimming hole Down Back.

We spent 2 days and built a beauty of a raft around 6 feet wide and 15 feet long from cedar logs. Our brave trio returned the third day and launched her into the calm and frigid water. It wasn't said, but we knew it. Fall off and death was nearly certain. For 15 minutes the ride was smooth and relaxing, and then about a quarter mile from the rapids, we held a meeting and decided to go ashore and drop off the friend. I believe he volunteered. The extra elbow room probably saved 1 or 2 lives.

Excitement and adrenalin shot skyhigh as we neared the rapids standing up, and then we hit 'em. Immediately, I mean instantly, the poles were ripped from our hands as they caught between rocks, and we rushed along helplessly out of control. Within minutes we smashed into a huge rock (one that I know personally), and stuck solid with the backend facing upstream while waves of water rushed around each side. Fortunately, enough of the rock was above the surface to hold both of us, so we climbed off and pushed at the raft to cut her loose.

Next, the physical laws of nature took over as the strong current whipped the raft to the right and around the rock, and she was off and running. I gotta credit my brother for quick thinking because he jumped on the raft as it spun by while I stood abandoned on the big rock (that one I know personally). Instinct kicked in, and I jumped. I missed. Half way anyway. My chest barely made the edge of the backend of the raft with most of me in the water. Grabbing me by the back of my jacket, my brother dragged me aboard. The balance of the ride was without incident, except without poles our only choice was to tear off part of the raft to paddle up the Sebec and out of the rushing current.

It was a struggle getting 100 feet upstream considering we were shivering wet and ice cold with chattering teeth. Eventually we succeeded and about 20 minutes later we tied the raft to shore just as our friend arrived. The trek to the old swimming hole would have to wait another day.

P.S. That rock that I knew personally was 9 feet high and usually standing in a foot of water by the end of summer. I've climbed and jumped from it many times before and since, so I know the water was 8 feet deep when I made the leap of my life.

## COMMUNITY CALANDER

**July 14-9:00a Monday Morning Quilters**

11:45a Meals for ME

1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)

2:00p Golf Camp

6:30p Atkinson Selectmen

7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00p Order of the Eastern Star

**July 15-9:00a Womancare Outreach**

9:00a Tee Ball

10:00a Farm League

11:30a Mt. Katahdin Senior Citizens

1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)

2:00p Golf Camp

5:30p Line Dancing

6:30p Support Our American Recruits

6:30p Post #92 Bingo

7:00p United Methodist Women

**July 16 -6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis**

9:00a D-F : VA Service Officer

10:00a Church Thrift Shop

12:30a Milo - VA Service Officer

1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)

2:00p Golf Camp

5:00p Tennis Camp (4-6)

6:00p Sons of Post #41

6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters

6:00p Mens League Soccer

6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115

7:00p Overeaters Anonymous

**July 17-9:00a Tee Ball**

10:00a Farm League

11:45a Meals for ME

1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)

2:00p Golf Camp

4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class

5:00p Tennis Camp (7-9)

6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112

6:00p Brownville Snowmobile Club

6:00p High School Soccer

6:30p Line Dancing

6:30p BJHS Card Party

7:00p Milo Historical Society Meeting

**July 18-9:00a Fishing Camp**

11:45a Meals for ME

12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens

1:00p Tennis Camp (10-14)

2:00p Golf Camp

5:00p LaGrange : Kids Parade

6:00p Lagrange : Public Supper

6:00p Bradford Days

6:00p Elliotsville : Make A Sundae on Friday

6:15p Post #41 Bingo

6:30p LaGrange : Auction

**July 19-9:00a Atkinson : 21st Annual Quilt Show**

9:00a Bradford Days Events

10:00a LaGrange : Parade

10:30a Bradford Days Parade

11:00a LaGrange : Public Luncheon

11:30a LaGrange : K-9 Demonstration

12:00p LaGrange : Drill Team Performance

2:30p LaGrange : Pig Scramble

4:00p LaGrange : Lawn Tractor Pull

5:00p Lagrange : Chili Cooking Contest / Public Supper

6:00p Lagrange : Blues Band

6:00p Adult Co-Ed Soccer

9:30p Bradford Days Fireworks !!!

**July 20-2:00p Brownville Historical Society Meeting**

2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do

6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

6:00p Scrapbooking

6:00p Mens League Soccer

6:00p Elliotsville : Make a Sunday on Sunday

7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous