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LIVE SIMPLY-LOVE GENEROUSLY CARE DEEPLY-SPEAK KINDLY

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**Dover Foxcroft:** Cindy Herbst, long time group exercise instructor at the PR YMCA spent some time recently with a group of women at Hibbard Main Street West Assisted Living. The ladies were treated to a special Mary Kay Pampering Treatment, by Mrs. Herbst followed by some arm, wrist and hand exercises. "Arthritis is not foreign to any of these women", explains Herbst, "they tend to experience tightness and stiffness in their finger joints when spending long periods of time on the computer, or doing needlework or knitting". Stretching helps prevent injury and simply makes us feel better reminds Cindy. Valerie Small, Activities Assistant at Main Street West said the residents thoroughly enjoyed their Spa and Stretch.

## A Very Special Day at Hospitality Hair and Nails

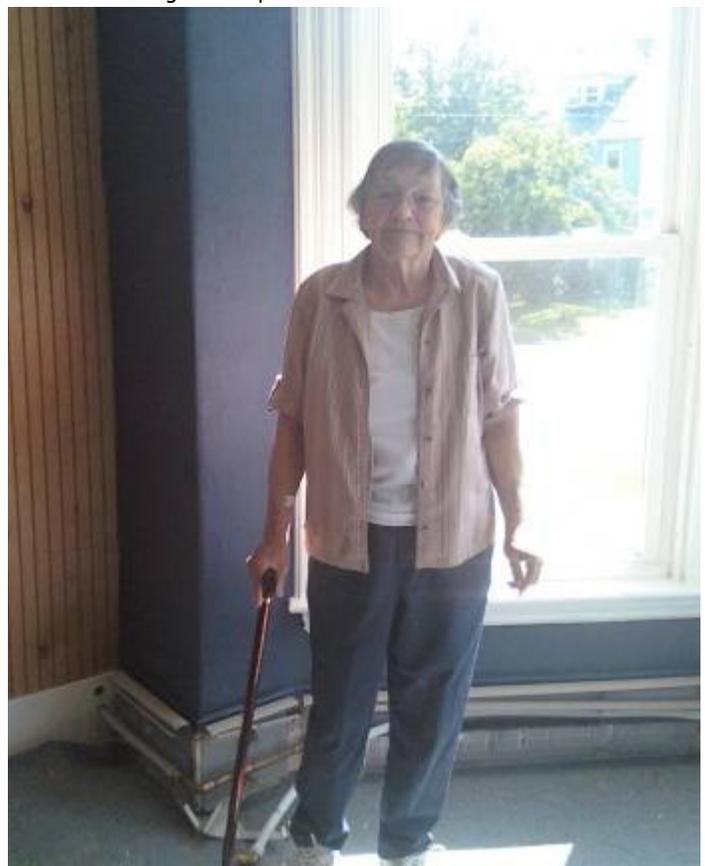
As you can see from the first photo, we found Patty. She is settled doing hair and nails, but always has time to welcome sight seers.

What a delightful visit us girls at (and a guy or two) had on Monday. Beverly Hamlin stopped in for a tour. She arrived in style being chauffeured by Judy Morrison in her hot little convertible. The ladies were off to spend a perfect Maine summer day at Judy's cottage, when they decided to stop in the old Milo Hospital building.

Bev we learned, has some amazing and wonderful memories of her days as a nurse in the building. She traveled from Boston, after finishing a shift at her job there, to Milo on the day after Thanksgiving in 1958. Dave Gallant wanted her to start STAT, but she told them she would have to get some rest first. From that day on she provided her patients and doctors with unrivaled dedication and professionalism. She eagerly admits that those 19 years as a nurse at what started as the Gallant Hospital and then became Milo Community Hospital, were the best of her life. She reminisced about



times when the room she is shown standing in had four beds in it, and tells a marvelous story about a storm in the early Sixties. Despite a weather forecast that called for flurries, the snow piled up at an alarming rate, closing roads and resulting in many folks calling in to say they couldn't make it to work. The town manager at the time was depending on Beverly making it to work and in order to assure she got there sent a Town Highway Department truck to pick her up at 1PM., guaranteeing she make it in time for her 3PM shift. During that same storm Buddy Daggett snow shoed up the hill from Main Street to deliver some medications and other items the 2 nurses manning the hospital needed.



During the storm they not only did their nursing duties, but they also prepared and served breakfast. Beverly remembers the two of them caught in a quandary when trying to decide what needed to be done first--wash the dishes or bathe the patients!

We sure enjoyed Bev's visit and her stories. We encourage any of you who have memories of the hospital to stop in and share them, or take a moment to write them down. We especially would love photos of the building, inside and out, to hang on our walls. The building is a very special place and we want to celebrate its history.

**To The Editor:**

I just got a super haircut from Patty at the new SALON location on Outer West Main Street in Milo. My point is-----

When you stand on Main Street now & look toward Upper West Main Street, you can see a fright beacon where the Community Hospital/Dr. Arnold's practice once stood. Patty & Tammy are opened for business at their new location. Hobnobbers isn't far behind.

I was excited to have a chance to tour the remodeled facility. A few months ago, when the project began, I would never have imagined that this historic, old building could ever be as wonderful as it is and is becoming. Patty, Tammy and Val had the vision though! Thank God for that and for these remarkable business women. Through patience and fortitude, these ladies have endured amazing bureaucratic BS. They have persisted. They have won. They have made all of us winners. I applaud them. Milo is a friendly Town but Maine, it seems, is not a friendly State to do business in.

If you haven't stopped by yet to see the new venture, please do yourself a favor and GO! You will be amazed at the transformations.

The customer service is beyond exceptional. What else would we expect from these three citizens who have build their reputations on honesty, integrity and community involvement.

Patty, Tammy, Val---I wish you the very best. I wish you LOVE.

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**Tennis News**

Milo Maine. The Penquis area Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament was held on Sunday 9 August. The weather was perfect for great tennis – cool and sunny. The competitors traveled from several neighboring towns to play from 11AM until after 4 PM. The teams and the spectators enjoyed a fun filled day, with super tennis and many laughs. One hundred and twenty games were played. The results are: First Place, the team of Jim Lubas & Jeff Haas; Second Place Team, Hal Chase & Ming; Third Place, Torrey & Travis Ellis. For information on future contests – call Mary Lou at 943 3267.



**New Pastor appointed**

After 13 months of acting as our Interim Pastor; Rev. Phil McGlaflin, shown here with his lovely wife Becky, has been chosen to become our pastor at the United Baptist Church here in Milo; Pastor Phil hails from Bangor. Becky a wee bit further away; All the way from Bucksport: We are pleased they have decided to accept our offer as full time Pastor:



Best Wishes to you both . We know your leadership will be an out reach of growth in and around our community.



Last Saturday Dean Bellatty and the Brownville Rec. Dept. sponsored a softball tournament to benefit the family of Alyssa Buzzard. It was very successful. Here Dean prepares the bases, Brett Gerrish rounds 3rd base, and Torrey Ellis pitches in one of the several games that day.

## Milo Free Public Library News

Judith D. Macdougall

Those who love hot weather or just enjoy sunshine can be pleased with this week of summer. It has been lovely and hopefully will continue.

The Milo Free Public Library 2009 book sale is history. We worked hard on Friday morning to set it up, and we were open from 9:00-2:00 at the Milo Town Hall on Saturday. I did not do it by myself by any means. By last count 23 helpers had a part in making it a success, and we thank them all greatly. Members of the Key Club, Kiwanis Club, Masons, and interested citizens all participated. In alphabetical order: Hanna Backus, Ellie, Gwen, Paul and Will Bradeen, Audrey Chadwick, Joshua Clement, Frank Cochrane, Camille Cramer, Joanne DeWitt, Keith DeWitt, Alex Drummond, Victoria Eastman, Dearle Flint, Jason and Hunter Giacomuzzi, Joan Henderson, Clarence Keith, Walter Macdougall, Allen Monroe, Keith Porter, Carroll and Kathryn Witham. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. We certainly thank everyone who donated books, and we especially thank everyone who came to buy. We were very surprised that in these tough economic times, we received lots of gifts. Over and over we heard, "Keep the change," or "Close enough". Buyers were very generous. We took in \$265.00 which the library will use to purchase more juvenile and adult books. Our thanks to everyone.

We had 5 tables of children's books, and the books sold well, but we still had lots leftover. However, we were so pleased to know that many of our leftover juvenile books went to three children's charities. One box of selections was chosen for a children's organization in Zimbabwe, another was being selected for a woman and children's shelter closer to home in Bangor and the Key Club members who helped us pack up those books to fill a box for one of their projects. What a good feeling to know that our juvenile books would be passed on to children that needed them.

The Story Time reader this past week was Neil Hamlin. Neil is a lawyer in Dover-Foxcroft, but generously gave his time to come to the library to read to the children. He also had a big surprise for them and for me as I knew nothing of his plans.

I had selected Neil's books and Theresa (our teen age volunteer) had set them downstairs near the reader chair. Often the teachers bring their own books but those who are not involved with the schools often have me select books from our collection. Neil began to read at 2:30 to 17 children and 10 adults. At 3:00 Dearle, Theresa and I went downstairs to be ready for the Creative Craft Time. Neil was reading Sacajawea which surprised me as I knew I had not selected that title. When he finished reading, he surprised me again by handing out Sacajawea gold dollars to every child there. Next he passed them out to the caregivers and to the library staff. What an exciting event! Every child will remember the Story Time they heard the story of Sacajawea and received a gold coin with her likeness. Thank you, Neil, for taking time to read and for passing out such a nice surprise.

The children then moved from the Story Time circle over to the craft tables where I guided them in drawing Ed Emberly style with their inked fingerprints as a base. Armed with paper, ink pads and markers, we soon were surrounded by swimming fish, flowers and creepy caterpillars galore. We passed out sheets copied from the Ed Emberly Fingerprint Book but encouraged the children to "Be Creative @ Your Library" and to enhance their pictures any way they desired. I noticed that some of the older members of the audience also enjoyed trying a few fingerprint designs. Unfortunately, not all the ink wiped off easily with napkins or wipe ups. Hopefully the inks wouldn't wipe off on clothing either. The children seemed to have a good time creating unique fingerprint pictures. We certainly had an enjoyable time working with the kids.

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

## PAWS NEWS

What a great week we had a PAWS last week!! 4 adoptions and a lot of donations. Everything happened in the nick of time, as we were getting a bit crowded and a little down on funds!! We were a bit worried about how we were to pay for the 4 kitties we needed to spay this week, but I think we will make it!! Thanks to all of you who donate in the cans at the Farmer's Union, Mike's Feed and Redemption and by leaving items on our porch!! So many animals are benefited and YOU are making a difference! If any of you on-line readers would like to help. our mailing address is PAWS, PO Box 81, Milo, ME 04463. Thank you all so much!!



Want to see what compassion and caring does to the lives of area strays? Look at that face!!!!!!

That is Millie. Millie was brought to the shelter a month ago at 10 PM. She was technically dying! She was found in a puddle, lifeless and covered with slugs, by a teenager on the Lakeview Road. He and his Mom warmed her best they could and met me at the shelter. I warmed towels in the microwave, wrapped the lifeless baby in them and continued to hope little Millie would be OK, but frankly I didn't think she would make it. Through out the night I warmed her and finally laid her now dry, but still hypothermic body on a heating pad, then fell asleep.

When I awoke the next morning I looked towards the box I had left Millie sleeping in and saw her sitting there, looking at me with such fear and hatred!! Turns out she was as wild as a bear cub. It seems her mama has been spotted living, along with her kittens, on the Lakeview Road and Stickney Hill Road. Mama had helped her babies survive in the only way she could..by telling them to stay away from all other living creatures. which included people!

Millie had been saved from death, but now I was faced with two problems: How to get the other kittens and mama, and how to tame little Millie!! She did not care that her life had been saved, or that she was safe and warm and being well-fed- she wanted back to the wild where she was born!!

Help came from my dear friend Laurie Mountain. She knew of a woman in Clinton who would foster and tame the baby. One phone call later and Sue was on her way to Milo to pick Millie up to begin her new life. Well, 2 weeks later Sue has done her magic and helped little Millie become a wonderful, loving kitten. And to make the situation perfect, Sue has found a home for the baby girl! Wait, it gets better! The mama and other kittens have been gathered up and now Sue is ready to work with them. They say it takes a village to raise a child, sometimes it takes a whole state to raise a kitten!!

So if you ever wonder where your PAWS donations go, just take a look at the face of innocence and contentment that you can see in the above photo!! How wonderful for area strays that YOU are making their lives important and happy!!