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## The lost is found

### Casey and family reunited after desperate search

by Kimberly Sawtelle

DEXTER - Anyone who has ever owned a large dog that spends nights in the house is acquainted with that old 4 a.m. Feeling. The slow, gnawing sensation that brings your sleeping brain to a foggy early morning awareness. With a hesitant grunt you open your eyes a slit to find it sitting there, staring at you, with an anguished look. The same dog that refused to do anything but snort around the backyard at ten o'clock last night is now waiting patiently, two inches from the end of your nose, for the alarm clock to ring, signaling the start of another day and a romp through the wet grass.

You close your eyes. Maybe if you lie still it will go away. The theory is suppose to work for bears ... Play dead, maybe he'll be disgusted and leave. Not a chance. You should have known, nothing disgusts a dog.

The patient, pitiful stare changes to an uneasy shifting. First to the left, then to the right. You know that feeling, too. You experienced it between Medway and Houlton your last trip to the county. Clinging to the waning strands of sleep you reason, you'd had your chance; he had his. Besides the alarm is only an hour and 55 minutes away.

At one hour, 53 minutes and counting it tries to comb your nose hairs with a 40-pound paw; an official invitation to tour the back step in your slippers and robe. It's memorable moments such as this that make you think, why a dog? Why didn't you go in for the goldfish?

At various points (e.g. hourly) in every dog owner's life the "Why Thought" becomes a conscious reaction to the pet's behavior. Only when the normal rhythm of daily dog related events is interrupted are the true emotional connections between owner and pet evident. The Lockhart family—Tammy, Bob and Julianna—of Dexter, were recently reminded of their attachment for Casey, a three-year-old Golden Retriever mix, when he wandered off April 20 and remained missing for the next seven days.

Casey, the epitome of a carefree, happy-go-lucky dog, galloped about his Park Street home Friday morning, April 29, two days after his return, while Tammy Lockhart, a reporter for the Bangor Daily News related the story of the family's search for their pet.

Knowing the conversation centered around himself, Casey interrupted often, offering not only his favorite coverless baseball as evidence of his gentle, playful nature but also a few grumbled woofs to fill out what he apparently felt were lulls in his mistress' narration. "I'm not telling right, Casey? Well, you go right ahead," offered Tammy. Just what every newspaper reporter needs: a pet that gives commentary on their ability to relate a story.

Giving the incredulous look of someone having just been told he talks too much, Casey gave a sigh and cast his glance alternately between the two women sitting at the kitchen table before deciding he was outnumbered and strolled off to occupy himself with other matters...like digging for a toy under the crib where Julianna was napping.

At the time of his disappearance, April 20, Casey was playing with neighborhood children in the backyard. "He just loves kids," Tammy explained. "He'd never just wander away from them so it must have been something pretty interesting that attracted his attention." As dusk arrived that Wednesday, children returned to their homes and Tammy went outside to call Casey in for the evening. Although the 80-pound, golden long-haired dog was nowhere to be seen, his barks could be heard in the distance. Expecting that Casey would come bounding into the house as usual, tongue lolling and earnest for supper, Tammy returned to her evening chores leaving the outside entry door open for the dog.

When Casey failed to come for his dinner the Lockharts went out to call him again. Expecting the excitable

bundle of energy to come galloping around the end of the house at any moment for a scolding, both Tammy and Bob called for Casey repeatedly through the evening until midnight.

"There are some new people that have recently moved into the neighborhood," Tammy explained. "They wouldn't know who Casey is and he's so friendly we figured they may have taken him in for the night. We expected as soon as the people got up, wherever he was, and let him out, he'd

be back home."

But Casey, now stretched out lazily in the middle of the kitchen floor, did not arrive home for breakfast the next morning. By 10 a.m. Tammy began combing the neighborhood. Dozens of kids taking advantage of school vacation were playing in yards up and down the street. Tammy couldn't fathom that in light of Casey's love for attention lavished on him by neighbor children, he would wander beyond the Park Street area. None of the kids she spoke with remembered seeing Casey since the previous evening. Her search expanded to cover Casey's favorite haunts including the family's camp in Parkman.

Unable to locate the dog at camp, Tammy and Bob left food for him and returned home to contact Sherman's Veterinary Service to see if a dog matching Casey's description had been turned in. Tammy was told a lab/retriever cross had been turned in earlier that Thursday, found on the Hollow Pond Road in Parkman. Hoping that the dog would turn out to be Casey the Lockharts went to the Dover-Foxcroft clinic to find a younger, golden, short-haired dog. "On the way there we kept telling ourselves, 'Look don't get excited. There's a chance that it may not be Casey,'" she said. Still the couple was disappointed when the stray pet turned out to be a stranger.

As the weekend rolled around and there was still no word of Casey's whereabouts. Food at the camp remained uneaten. Eventually the couple decided to place advertisements in local newspapers. Submitting pictures of Casey, in his more distinguished moments, the milk carton-type ads called for assistance from people throughout the area... "Lost! Have you seen me?...wearing a green collar, loves to retrieve...may walk with a limp...reward for his safe return," the ads touted.

It was Casey's safety that most worried the Lockharts. "If he'd been adopted by a nice family, I could have lived with that," said Tammy. "But it was not knowing if he might be in trouble...if he might be in pain." Memories of the Casey's injuries after being struck by a car in an accident last summer spurred the couple's continued efforts.

A realization of the types of injuries, traps and dangers facing an unsuspecting, domesticated animal in unfamiliar surroundings creates a building feeling of helplessness known to every owner who has searched for a lost pet. In the seven days of their search for Casey the Lockharts drove over virtually every street in the Town of Dexter. They informed the local Animal Control officer, Dexter Veterinary Clinic and Police Department about their situation in the event Casey was turned in as a stray. They showed Casey's picture to store clerks, mailmen and town employees hoping someone, somewhere had seen him.

Word of mouth about the Dexter couple's hunt for their missing pet spread before the newspapers carrying the "Missing" ad hit the stands. "We got about a dozen calls in all. That really means a lot to us. Some people had found dogs; a lot were just people who were concerned and wanted to know how we were doing and if we'd found him yet. It's really nice to know so

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### FA Constitution team enjoys Washinton, D.C. trip

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Even though they didn't win the national Bicentennial Bicentennial of the Constitution competition held last week in Washington, D.C., the Foxcroft Academy team returned home to a rousing 1:30 a.m. welcome early Friday morning.

Earlier in the week, the team joined in head-to-head competition with 43 other state winners in an intense academic setting held at Fort Lesley McNair, the National Defense University, in Washington, D.C. Although the team was not involved in the final round of competition, the FA/Maine team took part in two intensive rounds of competition and earned strong praise from the judges.

The competition was won by California, followed by New Jersey and New

York in second and third place.

The week included more than scholastic activities. Students enjoyed a tour of federal sites and monuments, the most impressive of which was the Vietnam Memorial, where students placed a wreath in memory of the men

and women of the Piscataquis area who served and died in the Vietnam War. On Wednesday night, the students were charged by Rep. Joseph Kennedy, (D. Mass.) with the task of protecting and defending their Constitution.

The week was described as "an unqualified aspirational success" by the chaperones, who included Headmaster and Mrs. Howard Ryder, Pat Dauphinais, Leslie Thistle, Gail D'Agostino, and teacher/advisor Rusty Willette.



CASEY and owner Tammy Lockhart at home in Dexter. (Sawtelle)

## National Nurses' Day May 6

### Contemporary nursing: Trying to balance high tech and high touch at the same time

*'There's a new breed of nurses graduating'*



Dodie Curtis, R.N.

by Janet Tapley

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Nursing has changed radically from the days when nurses were expected to wash floors in addition to caring for patients, but their respite from housekeeping hasn't led to much free time. Today, nurses must cope with a vast array of high tech advances that can sometimes form a barrier between the nurse and patient, coming between caring individuals and their charges.

It takes a special kind of person to be a nurse, though, and a nurse's humanity is not often foiled by a beeping machine.

Dodie Curtis, R.N., Director of Nursing at Mayo Regional Hospital, commented, "Technology creates frustration, certainly. Nurses have to reevaluate and set priorities. It (technology) attacks their value systems. Nurses want to provide caring and psychological support. Technology causes frustrations when they have to put the caring on the back burner."

Patients are often much sicker, so treatment is often much more extensive, when people are hospitalized in these days of Medicare cutbacks and tighter insurance regulations. "Around the machines, we have to remember to see the patient," explained Curtis, who said that because of the fast pace of care, nurses often wish they had time to just sit and talk with a patient, "touch and talking are important."

Curtis believes the goal of most nurses would be to meet the patients' needs in a holistic approach. "And still allow a patient dignity," added Cheryl Roberts, a nurse and the Quality Control Officer at the hospital.

"Here in our facility, it's a constant reminder to maintain confidentiality and dignity" noted Curtis, "because of it's location in a small community. I think you'll find every member of the staff is a patient advocate."

Patients respond with gratitude and appreciation, Curtis said, which is very rewarding to the nursing staff. Patients are aware of what they've seen in the media about nursing shortages, and have increased their response to the hospital staff. "We get cards, notes in the paper, plants; sometimes patients just come back to visit and say hello. That means a lot to the staff," she said.

The nursing shortage has not bypassed Mayo Regional Hospital, which still has a number of nursing positions open. In order to recruit nurses to the area, Curtis said the hospital promotes education for people who want to go to school for nursing and other health professions; offers tuition reimbursement; is currently reviewing what programs would aid in retention of staff; and is developing a cooperative atmosphere and a good environment in which people can work. The hospital advertises in statewide nursing magazines, attends health fairs, career days, and nursing schools in an attempt to attract nurses to the facility. One of the major problems that hinders nurse recruitment is the lack of available jobs for spouses.

Presently, the nursing staff is receiving leadership training, and specific descriptions of job responsibilities. "We are trying to best utilize the staff we have to accomplish the care we need to give," explained Curtis. "Most of all, we're emphasizing the good job they are doing. We know they're working hard. When they come in for their shift, it's full speed ahead."

Technology isn't the only thing new to the nursing profession. Nurses today are expecting more recognition of the fact that they are professionals, and also expect to be treated as such. Respect for physicians lingers, but the days when nurses rose to their feet when a doctor entered the unit are long gone.

"There's a new breed of nurses graduating from school," Curtis said. "They expect to be recognized as individuals and as an individual. Us from the old school had to learn to become assertive."

Curtis noted that over the past five years, a great deal of work has been put into physician/nurse relationships, with encouraging results. "I do think if there is a problem, the medical staff is ap-

### Board approves \$5M SAD 68 budget

by Janet Tapley

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Despite Monson Town Manager Ruel Cross's plea for a two percent cut in its proposed 1988-89 budget, the Joint Board approved the original \$5,097,362 amount. If passed, the budget represents a 13.4 percent increase in local assessments, although SAD 68 per pupil costs would continue to rank lower than other towns in the area.

Cross quietly presented his remarks to the board, explaining the difficulties towns would face in raising the money. Cross said that although he'd been accused of being "possibly against education," he was not. His concern was with the large increase in the budget that had occurred in the period of only one year, and proposed a two percent cut in the proposed expenditures, which would result in a savings of approximately \$100,000.

"I personally feel this budget would

cause undo hardship to many people and jeopardize the ability of small towns to offer services residents can afford," he explained. "The school must not only provide high quality education, but also show concern for those who pay. I know the board is trying to do its best, but I don't believe this board knows what a budget this size will have as an effect on the mill rate of the towns."

Cross noted that the budgeted increase of \$925,000 over last year's figure is of a "magnitude that hasn't been seen in Monson" during the 10 years he's been the town manager. Last year, Monson's share was \$138,019, while this year it jumped to \$151,161, a 14 percent increase. And on the issue on additional funding, Monson would pay \$43,353 if

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Tea in honor of the day. What do nurses think about National Nurses' Day? Curtis smiles as she says, "I've heard 'one day is not enough,' but they do feel good that someone takes the time to recognize them. It's like anyone who does a job day after day. A word of encouragement is valued. And you know, it's going to be a nurses market in the next few years."

*'If you've got the guts, then nursing is for you'*

by Margo Dyer

GREENVILLE - Charles A. Dean Hospital pays tribute to its nursing staff during National Nurses' Day.

Judy Donaher is the Director of Nurses at the Greenville hospital, and nursing means a lot to her. To Donaher, nursing is helping people through crises and it gives a nurse the opportunity to become close with people that she wouldn't in the ordinary course of time. "A nurse receives a lot of satisfaction from her work," said Donaher. "There's a lot of giving, she added, but there's also a lot of receiving."

Nursing is a tremendous responsibility, she explained, not just on the job, but at all times. "Sometimes I feel that no one else knows what it's like to be responsible like this all the time," said Donaher, "especially in a small town like this. At times it is very exciting," she added, "there's a lot of good in this kind of a job." It takes different kinds of people to fill different jobs, she said, some of the nurses are very good at the technical part of the job and others are better in the one to one caring of the patient and helping him or her get through the crisis he's in.

Nursing has certainly progressed a lot in the past few years, she said. All the nurses on the CAD Hospital staff are all certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, where medication and defibrillation comes in. A Coronary Care course is a part of all the nurse training here, she stated. There are also workshops to update the nurses on cur-

rent diseases and care techniques. Today's nurses are much more technically skilled than 10 years ago, explained Donaher. The nursing staff in Greenville is very much thought of as a part of a medical team. The doctors and the nurses depend on each other with decisions on patient care, and the doctors respect the decisions made by the nurses, said Donaher.

"If you've got the guts, then nursing is for you," she said. If someone likes nursing, there's nothing that will stop that person from doing it, she added.

On the national level, all hospitals have switched to "Body Substance Isolation", which means that you treat everyone as though they have a potential infection, by using gloves, aprons, or goggles to treat the person. This all came about because of the AIDS problem, and the method is also used to treat someone with hepatitis, Donaher explained. This has made the nursing profession a little safer, and in turn has brought about very skilled and knowledgeable nurses.

The nursing staff at CAD Hospital is very much appreciated by Donaher, who listed them as follows: Registered Nurses—Diane Dill, Virginia Sanborn, Jeri O'Brien, Muriel Larrabee, Marcia Walden, Lisa Bartley, David Mahoney, Lisa Carpenter, Cheryl Farrar, Daisy Schultz, and Marlene Smith. The Licensed Practical Nurses are Betty Morrill and Dorothy Garrison. The Certified Nursing Assistants are Adrienne Saucier, Simone Ward, Charlene Buck, Cindy Boynton, Sondra King, Ruth Robbins, Mena Warman, Carmen Davis, Donna Warman, Mary Fowle, and June Shaw.



Judy Donaher, R.N.

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# Scout News

## Troop 110

DOVER-FOXCROFT - Boy Scouts of Troop 110 will spend the weekend of May 6 through 8 camping in Kokadjo. The scouts will work on requirements for the hiking, camping, and fishing merit badges.

The Scouts will also be preparing themselves for the Wilderness Experience theme of the District Spring Camporee to be held in Mat-tawamkeag, May 20 through 22. During the next two weeks the Scouts will be designing and building a gateway for the competition at the Camporee.

Any boy interested in joining Troop 110 should contact Scoutmaster, James L. Macomber, at 564-2458.

## Milo Girl Scouts

MILO - Daisy Troop 82 met on Monday, April 25 at the Milo Town Hall with their leader Debbie Page and toured the building including all the offices. The girls learned about the computer system. The tour was conducted by

Melinda Sherburne, Milo Town Clerk. Brownie Troop 71 went roller skating at Happy Wheels on Sunday, May 1 and then to MacDonald's for lunch. The girls were escorted by their leader Connie Johnston. On Monday, May 2 the troop met at their leader's home to make Mother's Day surprises.

Brownie Troop 76 used some of their cookie money to help purchase four Walt Disney books for the Atkinson Primary School library. The girls went roller skating at Happy Wheels on Bangor on Saturday, April 30 accompanied by their leader Angela Comeau. The girls also ate lunch at the roller skating rink.

Brownie Troop 661 met on Thursday, April 28 at their leader, Vicki London's, home to work on badges. Brownie Troop 493 met Wednesday, April 27 at Mary Jane Zamboni's, their leader, home after school. They worked on their Junior Dabbler badges.

Junior Troop 99 met Monday, May 2 right after school at the Milo Primary in Mrs. Debbie Dunham's third grade classroom to finish working on their badges. They also made Mother's Day gifts.



READYING TICKETS and finishing plans for the William S. Cox Memorial Scholarship drive are three members of Explorer Post #100 and Ernest Juddkins, owner of Juddkins Shop and Save. L to r are Glen Woods, vice president; Mr. Juddkins; Steve Preble, president; and Matt Kirkpatrick, associate advisor. (Stevens)

## Dexter Regional High School beneficiary of second major scholarship trust

by Kimberly Sawtelle

DEXTER - Officials at Dexter Regional High School have announced the establishment of the Carlos E. Wakefield and Beatrice E. Wakefield Scholarship Fund to benefit graduates of Dexter Regional High School. According to Principal Raymond H. Poulin Jr., a substantial trust is in the process of being established for the school to financially assist students from Dexter and Ripley who will be pursuing post-secondary education or training. The Wakefield Scholarship fund is the second such trust designated for the high school.

According to Poulin, scholarships will be limited during this, its first year of award, because the trust has not been fully established. Applications for the Wakefield Scholarship are available, however, from the school Guidance Office and are due to be returned to that office no later than June 17. Notification to scholarship recipients will be mailed later this summer, said Poulin.

Students eligible for the Wakefield Scholarship will fall under two categories. Priority will be given to students graduating from Dexter Regional High School and residing in Ripley or Dexter, as stipulated by the Wakefield's will. Second priority will be given to graduates from high school residing in the towns of Cambridge, Corinna, Exeter, Garland, Harmony and Hartland. According to the perimeters set up by the will, students from these towns will receive scholarship money only when the scholarship needs of Dexter and Ripley students are satisfied.

All students wishing to be considered for a scholarship must submit applications by the set deadline. Awards will be made on the following criteria: residence, high school or college academic performance, community involvement and other factors consistent with the interest of the Wakefield Trust.

Like the Maybury Scholarship Fund, Dexter Regional High School's first major trust, the Wakefield Trust is ex-

pected to follow students through their academic advancements up to an established maximum time commitment or number of semesters of post-secondary education or training. The scholarships will be awarded each semester including the first semester of the freshman year for students maintaining an enrollment status as a full time student.

Scholarship awards will be determined by the scholarship committee which includes four representatives, Freda Wortman and Steve Whitesel from Dexter; Virginia Ellms and Joan Randall from Ripley.

Poulin said he is hopeful that the creation of a scholarship fund the magnitude of the Wakefield Trust will increase student aspirations at the Dexter school. One of the differences between the Wakefield and Maybury Scholarships is that the newest trust is not expected to judge applicants on financial need, but on academic performance. "In this day, everyone has financial need when it comes to going to college. With the new scholarship students who do well academically throughout their school history will see there is a reward for their hard work in the end," Poulin stated.

## Students from Greenville school system to participate in "Jump Rope for Heart" Program

GREENVILLE - The "Jump Rope for Heart" Program will take place in Greenville on May 7, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Students from the Greenville School System will jump rope in teams for three hours to benefit the Heart Fund.

These students have people pledging so much money per minute of jumping that is done. The co-ordinator for this

area is Nancy Soule of Greenville, chairperson of the Moosehead Recreation Committee.

"Jump Rope for Heart" is a special event that brings together people of all

ages for a lifesaving mission: to teach those participating about the benefits of regular exercise and a healthy lifestyle and to raise funds for the American Heart Association.

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\*Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day

1:30 p.m. - Church Services - Rev. Cleon Ross

6:30 p.m. - "A Night At The Movies"

\*Monday, May 9

10:00 a.m. - Exercise Class with Hilltop Manor Residents

2:00 p.m. - "Vacation Parades" - slide program with Perley & Marion Merrill

6:30 p.m. - Musical Program - Michael Loguerccio

\*Tuesday - May 10

10:00 a.m. - Beano with Jim & Gerry Taylor

2:00 p.m. - "Quilt Show" - Dorothy Crockett

6:30 p.m. - Volunteer Appreciation Night

\*Wednesday - May 11

10:00 a.m. - Cake Decorating Demonstration

Martha Engstrom

2:00 p.m. - Birthday Party - F.A. Jazz Band (interviews by W.D.M.E. Radio)

6:30 p.m. - United Methodist Church of Milo Choir Presentation

\*Thursday - May 12

10:00 a.m. - Calico Cat Nursery School - Linda Smith

2:00 p.m. - "Sing-A-Long" with Dot and Bob

6:30 p.m. - "Kiddie Fashion Show" with Doris Bray

\*Friday - May 13

10:00 a.m. - Essay Writers - SeDoMoCha Jr. High School

2:00 p.m. - Anne Franqueville from France (Exchange Student from Foxcroft Academy)

\*Saturday - May 14

10:00 a.m. - Beano with Linda and Don Cornett

2:00 p.m. - 6th Annual Ladies' Tea sponsored by Pine Needle Club

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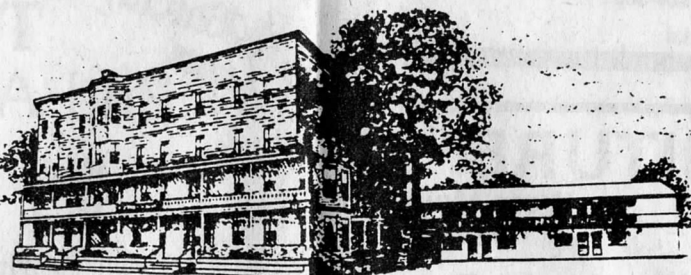
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