



Representative Tom Saviello, Mrs. Steve Weiner (Nancy) and First Selectman Robert Ellis attach the flag in preparation for its raising. (Terri White photo)

Steve Weiner day celebrated in Avon

**By Paula Roy
Special to the Irregular**

AVON — On a recent Saturday, citizens of Avon and family and friends of Steve Weiner gathered at the Avon Community Center to honor the memory of their “favorite tax collector,” who passed away unexpectedly just before Thanksgiving of 2008.

Approximately 100 people from the community came out to attend the barbeque/potluck event.

State Representative Tom Saviello was present to help cook hamburgers and hot dogs. He also dedicated the newly installed flagpole in memory of Weiner and presented the Town of Avon with U.S. and Maine Flags, which have flown over the State Capitol. Putting out the flag at the former Avon Town House at the corner of Route 4 and the Mt. Blue Road was one of Weiner’s favorite duties. Unfortunately, when the center of the town’s business moved to its new location near the Lindbergh Airport, there was no flagpole and Weiner was deprived of that particular duty.

The new flagpole, installed by Steve Mitchell and his masonry students, the Maine School of Masonry, boasts a special commemorative plaque reading “In Memory of Steve Weiner —Avon’s Favorite Tax Collector—March 21, 1992 to November 24, 2008.”

Townspole extend their special thanks to Steve Mitchell and his masonry students, who graciously gave of their time, expertise and materials for the installation of the flagpole.



Pictured are Suzanne Dunham and her piano students at their recital Wednesday night, June 17, at the Dunham home: (left to right) Jacob White, Avery Taylor, Dunham (holding the huge poppy that opened that day “for the occasion”), Patty White and Chenoa Savage. (Laura Dunham photo)

Piano students dazzle

**By Laura Dunham
Special to the Irregular**

KINGFIELD — Suzanne Dunham, pianist and former longtime owner of the Sewing Seed Daycare and My Little School, welcomed some 20 people to her home Wednesday night June 17, for her annual piano recital.

Dunham told those present that 40 years ago her mom and dad, Vange and Everett Jordan, gave her the piano that the students were using. She’s been playing and giving lessons ever since, she added.

“One language we all understand is music,” Dunham said.

Dunham showed off a huge poppy that opened in her garden that day as if to celebrate the day of music and to welcome everyone for the evening.

Taking part in the evening events were students: Chenoa Savage, who had been coming to Dunham’s school since she was an infant and had been taking piano

lessons for the past six weeks (she’s a natural, said Dunham); Patty White, 17, of Strong who started school with Dunham when she was three years old; Avery Taylor, who has also been at Suzanne’s school since she was a baby; and Jacob White also of Strong.

Dunham and Taylor played first performing “The Entertainer,” which brought a round of applause. Then White had his turn and also chose to perform “The Entertainer.”

Savage, who has only been taking lessons for the past few weeks, amazed everyone with her performance. White, who graduated from home school this past week and plans to go into the Job Corps, closed the evening of performances.

Then everyone enjoyed a large selection of pizzas and fruit prepared for the occasion by hosts Rod and Suzanne Dunham.

MSAD #58 receives grant for biomass heating systems

WASHINGTON — Recently, Congressman Mike Michaud announced that the United States Department of Agriculture’s Office of Rural Development allocated a \$760,000 High Energy Cost Grant to Maine School Administration District Number 58. The funds will be used to install biomass heating systems in two MSAD #58 schools.

“I am pleased that the USDA has approved this funding,” said Michaud.

“These types of investments assist our rural communities in their efforts to convert to local, renewable energy sources. I am excited about the low cost and low impact of this fuel source, and hope that its increased presence in our school systems will lead to substantial cost savings for the community.”

MSAD #58, which includes Avon, Eustis, Kingfield, Phillips and Strong, currently burns 110,000 gallons of oil annually. MSAD #58 currently uses biomass technology to heat its transportation and maintenance building.

According to the USDA, MSAD #58 has partnered with Skanden Energy LLC to develop a program that will install biomass heating in two local schools to displace oil, lower heating costs, and stimulate the local economy.

The project will help the district purchase and install wood pellet heating systems in prefab structures adjacent to existing school boiler rooms. The new systems would provide both heat and hot water to the school buildings. MSAD #58 will purchase wood pellet fuel produced by a local supplier.

According to the USDA, High Energy Cost Grants are available for improving and providing energy generation, transmission and distribution facilities serving communities with average home energy costs exceeding 275 percent of the national average. Grant funds may be used for on-grid and off-grid renewable energy projects, energy efficiency and energy conservation projects serving eligible communities.

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