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When in doubt,
tell the truth.

—Mark Twain

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All material to be considered for Community Briefs, "Letters to the Editor," & Obituaries must be in the office by Friday noon. Every effort will be made to publish those received by the deadline. "Letters to the Editor" must be signed and include your phone number and address. **The Irregular reserves the right to edit, properly classify, or decline any item.**

OBITUARIES

Arlo M. Hennings

1921-2009 — A true "Jack of all trades," it was well known that he could fix anything

AUGUSTA — Arlo M. Hennings, 88, of Farmington, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, at the Maine Veterans' Home in Augusta with his family by his side. Arlo's Y-DNA is registered with the Family Tree DNA worldwide genealogy project.

He was born on Jan. 31, 1921, in Phillips, the son of Ralph Waldo and Georgia Myrtle (Mitchell) Hennings. At the age of two, his family moved to Farmington, where he attended local schools, graduating from Farmington High School in 1941.

Before being drafted in the U.S. Army during World War II in his early 20s, Arlo worked at American Bosch in Massachusetts. He served in the Pacific. Upon his return home in 1946, he went to work at Forster's Manufacturing in Strong. He later put his mechanical skills to work at Horn Motors in Farmington. He was proud to become the first automotive instructor at Central Maine Vocational Technical Institute in Auburn, which he did for 18 years. While commuting to work from his home, he attended classes to earn a Bachelor's of Science Degree in vocational technical education in 1976. He also taught night school welding classes and coached the ski team. After retirement in 1982, he continued to teach welding and metallurgy at International Paper Co. for 10 years.

A true "Jack of all trades," it was well known that he could fix anything. He was pleased to help anyone who showed up at the door with their mechanical dilemmas. Arlo loved to build things and in his "spare time" he could be found in his shop working on a project. He saw no reason to buy something if you could copy it and make it with your own hands. Boats, water skis, wood splitters, "go-anywhere vehicles" and a camp were among the many things that he constructed without benefit of a blueprint.

He was happiest when he was figuring something out. His garden was a source of great pride and he took delight in having the earliest crop of vegetables in the area.

Arlo believed in his community. He served as a Farmington selectman and was on the board of directors at Titcomb Mountain in Farmington, where he also taught skiing and helped maintain ski lifts, the bombardier and kitchen equipment. He was instrumental in the installation of the first T-bar. He was a natural born teacher for everything from snow and water skiing to the proper way to handle and fire a gun.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pauline (Palmer) Hennings, whom he married on May 3, 1947, in Wilton; three daughters, Sharon Provost and her husband, Gordon, of Skowhegan, Sheila Leavitt and her husband, Andrew, of New Vineyard and Laura Manter and her husband, Reginald, of Mercer; grandchildren, Grant and Ashley Provost and Jason Leavitt; and step-grandchildren, John and Dan Leavitt.

He was predeceased by a brother, William Earl Hennings, and his wife, Forestine.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, at Wiles Funeral Home, Cremation Service & Remembrance Center, 137 Farmington Falls Road, Farmington. Family and friends are invited to call at the funeral home one hour prior to the service.

Gifts may be given in Arlo's memory to a vocational scholarship to be established at the local high school, c/o the funeral home.

Private family interment will be at Fairview Cemetery, Farmington.

Words of condolence may be sent via e-mail to info@wilesrc.com.

Wayne E. Killam

1954-2009 — He was an avid skier, a life Boy Scout & a member of Friends of Maine Hockey

ORRINGTON — Wayne E. Killam, 55, died Nov. 13, 2009 at a Bangor hospital.

He was born in Beverly, Mass., June 14, 1954 the son of Dwight E. and Nanette A. (Soucey) Killam.

Wayne graduated from Manchester Jr./Sr. High School Class of 1972. He had been the caretaker for the Curran Homestead Living History Museum, as well as a freelance photographer. During the winter he worked at the Shipyard Brewhaus at Sugarloaf. Wayne was an avid skier, a life scout with Boy Scouts of America and a member of friends of Maine Hockey.

He was predeceased by his parents.

Surviving are his special friend, Brenda Grover of

Bangor; brother, Keith B. Killam of Randolph, Mass.; sister, Nanette Gay Ramsey of Manchester, Mass.; sister, Elaine P. Chouinard of Danville, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends around the world.



A service in celebration of his life will be held 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009 at the Curran Homestead 372 Fields Pond Rd., Orrington, with Heather Ramsey Mabrouk, officiating. A reception will be held at the Homestead, following the service.

The family suggests memorials to "Wayne Killam Fund/Curran Homestead" P.O. Box 107, Orrington, Maine 04474.

A service of Brookings-Smith, Clark-Piper Chapel, 55 South Main St. Brewer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Kingfield tree lighting planned, Dec. 4

KINGFIELD — The town's Christmas Tree Lighting celebration will be held Friday, Dec. 4, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Maple Street end of Centennial Bridge.

There will be a live Nativity, choir, hot cocoa, cider, cookies and a Santa's Workshop where the kids can make something special to take home.

"This year we're lighting the 'Big Tree' (by the post office)! Hope to see you there!" Ellie Meldrum, an event organizer, said.

Cookie donations are still being accepted; those who would like to help, should call Meldrum at 265-4039.

First aid and CPR classes offered

FARMINGTON — Registrations are now being accepted for CPR and first aid classes taking place at the Ben Franklin Center at Franklin Memorial Hospital starting this month.

The first aid course is being offered at two times, with

the first standard first aid class taking place on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. and the second offering happening on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. First aid is the immediate care that you give someone with an illness or injury before trained help arrives. Topics will include first aid basics, medical emergencies, injury emergencies, and environmental emergencies.

A Heartsaver CPR course is being offered on Tuesday, Dec. 1, from 5 to 9 p.m. The Heartsaver CPR course follows the standards and guidelines for CPR from the American Heart Association and is designed for the general public. It will include information on basic cardiac life support techniques for adults, children, and infants, as well instruction on automated external defibrillators.

There is a \$45 fee for each course, which includes the cost of the textbook, class, and course completion card or \$60 to attend both classes.

For more information or to register, contact Amanda Brown at 779-2381.

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