

## Homecoming Update by Shelly Crosby

This week has been a great chance to network among acquaintances and friends. Did you know that on the Bangor Metro and Rand Advertising websites there are posts for the Lincoln Riverdriver's Homecoming Festival as one of the things to do this summer! Updates on the schedules, vendors and sponsors are posted weekly on [www.lincolnmaine.org](http://www.lincolnmaine.org).

There is a lot of preparation that takes place when you start to address safety with any event. Some of the areas that the committee examines each year are the Grand Parade, Children's Parade and Fireworks Show. Last week, I had reported the road closures for the festival, also behind the scenes Doug Robinson, of Doug's Custom Designs has been busy working on the signs that will be placed on the roadways alerting travelers of travel concerns. Perhaps the one area of safety that the public could assist remedying is while the parade is passing by. Each year barricades and cones are placed marking a barrier of protection. However each year the crowd swells beyond the parameter. Children sneak under the lines to get candy and people step into the roadway to take photos. The Anah Shrine Units that come are scheduled to perform their stunts and breathe taking feats but usually are unable to do so due to the narrow passageway. This year, the committee is asking that everyone do their part to assist in keeping the roadway clear and safe for all! Bleachers will be placed on Main Street in front of Mardens and if you have a medical issue which prohibits you to stand, please let us know.

Darlene Stanley, representative for the Class of 1959' stopped by to discuss the plans for reuniting classmates this summer! Did you know that each year the festival recognizes a particular class of Alumni at the Alumni Dinner on July 18th? Immediately following the dinner there will be a classmate reception at the home of Jane (Lindsay) Clay at 27 Evergreen Drive. Tell those you know but certainly not the ants! Darlene would also like to remind the class that there will be a float in the Grand Parade. Participants should be at the M.A. Parking lot by 9:15 a.m. There are tickets still available for \$10.00 on the oil painting donated by Blaine Gordan for sale. The painting will be on display during the festival at the Veteran's Square. Just look for the Class of 1959 booth!

Cathy Gillmor called this week about the Riverdriver's Homecoming Festival to include events that Gillmor Farm Ice Cream & Car Wash is sponsoring to help organizations that are raising money. New this year will be the Chicken BBQ and social on July 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30-6:30 p.m. Also returning will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cruise-In immediately following the parade! Polish up the chrome, get out the favorite car and drive on over for an Ice Cream while admiring classic cars of the past and present!

The Roaming Railroad has spurred much interest and I'm pleased to announce that children may enter a coloring contest for a chance to win a seat aboard the train during the grand parade! The coloring contest is open to ages 3-12 and coloring forms may be picked up at the Town Office. The deadline for submissions is June 29<sup>th</sup>! Judging will be done by Katahdin Cellular, authorized agent of US Cellular. Other contests and exciting things are being planned so be watching the "Weekly News" for further information!

The next committee meeting is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Recreation Office. If anyone is interested in joining or contributing as a volunteer please call me at 794-6548. Until next week – Be sure to watch out for the bugs, wear your sunscreen and cross off the days till the big event.