

Michael McCartney Honored



Written by Tom Kashatus Michael McCartney grew up in the Harveys Lake area being the son of Dennis and Susan (Rinehamer) McCartney; but he spent a lot of time visiting his Grandfather Harry Rinehamer and Grandmother Veranne of Brown Row. He especially enjoyed walking through the woods with his Grandfather looking for mushrooms, picking blueberries, and visiting the beautiful Wanamie Reservoir. Mr. Rinehamer passed on and Michael grew up to be an English teacher at the Maine School of Science and Mathematics. He was recently honored as Aroostook County's "Teacher of the Year" for 2016. He also qualified for the state of Maine's "Teacher of the Year" but unfortunately that didn't happen. During his youth, Michael attended Wyoming Seminary in Forty Fort and Moravian College in Bethlehem where he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree and a double major in English and history. He also studied at Oxford University in the United Kingdom (England) and graduated with a Master's Degree in English Literature. Michael lives in Limestone, Maine, with his wife, Dr. Betsy McCartney, and their son, Patrick Dennis. Grandmother Veranne and mother of eight girls and four boys stated that she has "twenty two grandchildren" and she is "proud of each and every one of them." She continues to live her "golden years" helping others as much as possible and enjoying the successes of her children and grandchildren.