

Elks serve up ice cream to schools

By Benjamin Barr, Jr.

KATAHDIN AREA—While summer may not have arrived just yet, ice cream is a reminder that it will be around the corner with warmer weather, shorts and sandals. The local Benevolent and Protective Order (BPOE) of Elks 1521 served up scoops of ice cream to several of the area schools beginning Thursday, May 2.

Students came filing in line waiting their turn to partake of the first ice cream of the season while eating lunch in the school cafeteria.

Students had their choice of vanilla or chocolate ice cream and choice of toppings including whipped cream, chocolate sauce, jimmies, and a cherry on top. It's all being served up by Elks volunteers, and at no charge to the students or the schools.

Two teams of Elks volunteers and personnel from Living Innovations helped to serve up the frozen concoction to students in the Katahdin area on Thursday at



A Living Innovations individual serves up jimmies on a Stearns student's ice cream provided by the local Elks organization. (Photo by Benjamin Barr, Jr.)

Stearns Jr./Sr. High School and Medway Middle School, according to Elks 1521 Exalted Ruler Laura Rollins. Rollins is also the Employment Specialist with Living Innovations.

Friday, May 3 the team would serve ice cream at Opal Myrick and Schenck High School. Fri-

day, May 10 Granite Street had its turn. A date has yet to be determined for students at Katahdin Christian Academy.

The dishing out of ice cream is in conjunction with National Youth Week and what better way than with a student's favorite dessert. When it is all eaten up Rollins estimates that the Elks volunteers will have served over 900 students from the area.

Living Innovations artist Bryer McDougall drew the posters for the ice cream social during youth week.

Helping to serve students were Mike Federico, Lynn Montgomery, and Marty Wasilauskis; John Nicholson, Corey Hannafin, Cheryl Ann Mackenzie, and Brandon Mackenzie.

"I thank everybody for volunteering," Rollins stated. "It is really appreciated."

Students enjoyed it too; as they thanked the team on their way through the line.