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A large crowd was served Christmas dinner by a wonderful group of volunteers. Shown are some of those who understand what Christmas is all about!!



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A HUGE Thank-you from PAWS!

There are not words (or meows or woofs) to express our appreciation for all you do to make our shelter possible! Between the cans at The Farmer's Union and the Returnable donations at 3 Rivers Feed the majority of our food demands is met, as well as most of the day to day operation expenses. We also appreciate every item donated for our Yard Sales, and each of you who buy food or "stuff" from Sandy, Donna and the Gang!

Thanks to Dora Weston for her donation of a heated throw and a heating pad. Thanks to everyone who has left us and our kitties gifts on the porch, we truly appreciate it! Thanks to Marty for mowing and snow blowing for us for all these years, it's greatly appreciated! Not only do you keep our yard perfectly manicured, the Kitties love to watch as you do!

This year 120+ cats and kittens, 9 dogs and various bunnies, chickens and ducks were given a home because of you. When you see those sad ads or stories on TV or the internet showing neglected, abused or abandoned animals you should realize that you already help-Thru PAWS!! Have a wonderful New Year...and thanks in advance for caring!



Hi, I'm Ray and one big orange guy. I have been neutered and am the most friendly and beautiful of cats. Everyone loves orange cats! Give Val a call at 279-0174 to come see me!!

BLUE STAR BANNER

Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post 41 Of Milo Presents A Blue Star Banner Tribute During Their Christmas Dinner Post Commander Terry Knowles, Richard Graves Sr Department Historian And Service Officer Margie Williams Explain The Blue Star Banner Program that started in 1919 and continues this day. The banner is presented to those with love ones serving in The United States Military.



(Left to right) Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Keith, Janet Richards, Neil & Barbara Hamlin, Sonny & Diana Burton, and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Byrne

A MILITARY MOMENT

By CSM (Ret) Richard L Graves Sr

Noble, Stupid and Lucky

Military active duty involves twenty four hours a day as we are judged by our behavior on and off duty. As a member of the United States Air Force Honor Guard and stationed at Bolling Air Force Base, the Nation's Capital was our playground. Within a quarter mile of the Main Gate there were a series of restaurants and bars across from St Elizabeth Mental Hospital, but for some reason we preferred a series of honky tonk bars on Eighth Street across from the Marine Barracks of 8th & I where the Marine Honor Guard was located. We had transit buses to anywhere in the city so we didn't have to worry about drinking and driving.

One late Saturday afternoon in the summer of 1959 I went to one of the bars alone. Drinking draft beer and listening to the juke box I struck up a conversation with a young waitress who was sporting a black eye and of course I provided a shoulder to lean on as she told me about her abusing boyfriend and how he made her do things as well as beat her. She couldn't afford to move away and was at a loss on how to get out of her situation.

Bear in mind, I am nineteen from Brownville Jct, ME and not exactly street wise for Washington D.C., but I have no fear of the streets. The young lady describes her boyfriend, the name slips me, lets say "Willie" and where he can usually be found. **Nobility strikes.** It was decided that I would have a talk with Willie and warn him to lay off what's her name.

It's early evening and in a well lighted area I waited for Willie and sure enough he appears along the sidewalk with a

couple of young men, so I approach. **Stupidly strikes.** I begin with the accusations and at first he is bewildered by my confidence and starts off with "Who the hell are you". His friends begin to circle and before anyone can strike a voice overrides us both.

Was I **Lucky!** Two Washington D.C. Police Officers on foot, one saying "What's going here Willey?" He immediately tells the officers that I approached him etc. They separated us and when they checked my ID, one of them escorted me to the bus stop and made sure I left on the bus. The officer had told me those were not guys to fool with and I should avoid any further contact. I took his advice and never ran into the girl or Willey again.

It was a Military Moment to remember.

The 6th graders at Brownville Elementary completed their quilting projects just in time for Christmas. What beautiful gifts they are! For seven years Myrna Ricker, Lana Washburn,



Toni Mihalik and Bonnie Beauler have taken the time to teach children the art of quilting. The staff and children are so appreciative of their gift to them. Thank you ladies and you did a wonderful job kids!

Santa made a visit to Brownville Elementary before vacation. Here Evan and Brooke check in with Santa about last minute wishes.



Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo-Brownville

December 22, 2010 Regular Morning Meeting

The meeting at Hobnobber's was called to order at 6:45 AM, and was attended by fifteen members. We had interclubs from Dover-Foxcroft (5), and Key Club (2). Our guests today were Jim Macomber's daughters, Crystal and Virginia; and Bonnie's friends and former Kiwanians, Linda and Cedric Rhoda.

Eben led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Phil McGlaulin offered the Morning Prayer.

Eighteen happy/sad dollars were collected.

Upcoming Dates: December 29 - 5th Wednesday evening meeting for dessert and an auction - invitations have gone out - Ethelyn in charge; January 5 - regular meeting, speaker to be announced; January 6 - monthly board meeting. Speaker Chairperson for January is Jim Macomber. Every Monday - at 11 AM - Builders Club meets, and Every Thursday - at 11:45 AM - Key Club meets (all Kiwanians are welcome at these meetings).

Heidi circulated a list for Speaker Chairpersons to sign up for a month at a time. We still need Chairs for the months of February, May, June, July and August. Typically each month requires three speakers as one week is used to review the board meeting. You can add your name to the list by contacting Heidi or me.

Bonnie reported that the Secret Santa Project is just about finished for this year. 185 children from 77 families were supported with gifts for Christmas. Bonnie offered her sincere thanks to all who helped with the project and especially the shoppers, which included the Rhodas and many club members.

The elementary children who took part in the RIFF program send us a thank you note for the books we provided to them and for the members who read to the children.

The Key Club has put up a Christmas tree at the gazebo and it is lighted, so go take a look.

Phil McGlaulin, the pastor of the Milo United Baptist Church, was our speaker and he offered a Christmas message and words of wisdom as we enter the Christmas season.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Harrigan, Secretary

Hobnobbers Winter Lunch

Specials Available 11am-4pm

Warm up with Pasta...

\$8.99..Includes Salad and Bread

Choose From:

Spaghetti and Meatballs

-----**Chicken or Broccoli**

Alfredo or Pasta Primavera-

Veggies in a parmesan cream sauce over pasta

Want to warm up even more?

----**How about Curry?**

Seafood, Chicken or Vegetables in our own Curry Sauce served over Jasmine Rice!!

Our Hours are: Wednesday through Sunday

11am-8pm

943-5312

All can be ordered To Go!!

Week Two of the Owen Letters

This week's letter was written to Will's sister, Henrietta (Etta). Company B of the 20th Maine was made up mostly of men from Piscataquis County. Will was a corporal. Other men from Milo in the original company are: Sergeant Frederick W. Lane, Wagoner Aaron D. Bumps, Privates Benjamin F. Bumps, Asa S. Carver, Hartshon B. Farris, Thomas F. Hodgdon, Abial E. Leonard, William T. Livermore, Andrew Ricker, and William A. Stoddard. The Commissioned Officers were Phineas M. Jeffords of Foxcroft, James Lyford, Sebec and Walter G. Morrill, Williamsburg.

Camp Mason Portland Aug. 19th

Dear Sister:

I suppose you are waiting with all the patience that you have to get a letter from your brother. Well today I will try and write you a few lines as I have a little spare time. I intended to have wrote before but something would turn up so as to attract my attention or I should have some duty to do.

Well here we are at Portland. I like here first rate, tis a pleasant place and a healthy place. It is on an island surrounded by salt water, about $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the City of Portland. We have any quantity of clams by digging them. (Do you want me to send you some? I believe that you are very fond of them.) I have been home since I saw you. I suppose you know. I went home Sat. and went back Sun. We left Bangor Monday morning at about 8 o'clock and got here at Portland about 5.

I like being a soldier very much and I am perfectly contented. Hard times I expect to see but I am prepared for them. I knew what I was getting into and I have no fears and as far as you and the rest of the folks you must keep up good courage.

We have been examined and sworn in, not a man was rejected from Milo. They are contented and well suited. We don't know when we shall leave here and can't tell anything about it. I am acting as Corporal of the guard today and I write this while I am off from duty.

I received a letter from Abbie this morning, the first I had rec'd since I left and I have wrote twice. Our letters come right here on the field. We like our officers very much. Jeffords is a whole man and a true soldier.

I was down to the City yesterday. I can't tell you what I saw but I will simply say that Portland is bigger than Milo or Sebec. Now Etta I don't want you to worry about me for it will do you no good. I will be steady and take care of my health. Direct your letters to Co B 20th Reg't Portland, Me. and be sure and write soon. Till then I am

your brother Will
Etta H Owen



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Brownville Dog Days of Winter

<http://www.trcmaine.org/dogdays/>

The annual Sled Dog Race in Brownville has been re-named! Click above for more information, and the tentative schedule.

Penquis Winter Sports

<http://www.trcmaine.org/recreation/penquis.php>

The 2010/2011 Penquis Winter Sports schedule is now online!

As always, we're looking for anyone who can help us collect scores from the games!!

Notice to Lake View Plantation Residents

This is a reminder that your 2010 property taxes are due by December 31, 2010. Interest will begin on January 1, 2011. If your taxes are not paid prior to the deadline please contact the Plantation Office in order to calculate the interest that is due. Thank You and Happy Holidays.

IN MEMORIAM



Colburn R. Welch
December 20, 1950 - December 19, 2010
BANGOR - Colburn Ray Welch, 59, husband of Joanne M. (Knight) Welch, died unexpectedly Dec. 19, 2010, at his home. Colby was born Dec. 20, 1950, in Milo, the oldest son of Raymond W. and Margaret L. (Dunbar) Welch. He was a 1970 graduate of

Bangor High School. In 1973, Colby graduated with an Associate of Science degree in liberal arts from the University of Maine, then he graduated from Beal College in 1986 with an Associate of Science degree in business science and earned his third degree, a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting, from Husson College in 1989. Colby's main work focus was in the mental health field. Colby married his high school sweetheart, Joanne Knight, and they were together 40 years until her passing. He was a private person and enjoyed movies, but his one true passion was music. He was a bass guitar

player and played in several local bands throughout the years. Colby is survived and will be deeply missed by his mother, Margaret of Bangor. He is also survived by his son, Andrew Grant; three siblings, Ron Welch and his wife, Sharon, of Rumford, Carolyn (Welch) and her husband, Paul Kelly, of Bangor, and Wayne Welch and his wife, Michele, of Hermon; nephews and nieces, David, Stacie and Samantha Kelly, Kris and Brian Welch, Zachary and Tyler Welch; several great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his father, Raymond W. Welch, Colby was predeceased by his wife, Joanne (Knight) Welch, April 2, 2009. A private burial service will be in the spring at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hermon. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorial contributions to Bangor Humane Society, 693B Mount Hope Ave., Bangor, ME 04401. Condolences to his family may be offered at www.kileyandfoley.com.

TRN WEEKLY POLL

Have you attended any Penquis Basketball games this year?

Not yet 80.5%

Haven't missed one! 12.2%

Only a few 7.3%

Total votes: **41**

NEXT WEEK:

What are your New Years plans?

Visit our website to vote!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Visit <http://www.trcmaine.org/calendar/> for a full listing.

<p>Monday, December 27 1:00a - MSAD 41 Holiday Break 9:00a - Monday Morning Quilters 11:45a - Meals for ME 4:00p - Penquis Solid Waste Corp. 6:30p - Atkinson Selectmen 7:00p - Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00p - Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club 7:00p - Bowerbank Selectmen</p> <p>Tuesday, December 28 1:00a - MSAD 41 Holiday Break 9:00a - Womancare Outreach 5:30p - Milo: Senior Line Dancing 6:30p - Post #92 Bingo 7:00p - Sebec Planning Board</p> <p>Wednesday, December 29 1:00a - MSAD 41 Holiday Break 6:30a - Three Rivers Kiwanis 10:00a - Church Thrift Shop 10:00a - Sebec Quilters 6:00p - Wednesday Night Quilters 6:30p - Boy Scout Troop #115 6:30p - Milo: Open Mic Night 7:00p - Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p>Thursday, December 30 1:00a - MSAD 41 Holiday Break 11:45a - Meals for ME 4:30p - Tae Kwon Do Class 6:00p - Boy Scout Troop #112 6:00p - Post #92 Meeting 6:30p - BJHS Card Party 7:00p - Ga me: Lady Patriots @ Stearns</p> <p>Friday, December 31 1:00a - MSAD 41 Holiday Break 11:45a - Meals for ME 12:00p - Three Rivers Senior Citizens 6:15p - Post #41 Bingo</p> <p>Saturday, January 1 No Events Today.</p> <p>Sunday, January 2 2:30p - Milo : Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do 2:30p - Post #92 Auxiliary 3:30p - Square Dancing 6:00p - Alcoholics Anonymous 6:00p - Brownville Junction : Scrapbooking 7:30p - Alcoholics Anonymous</p>
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