



# Three Rivers News



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## Penquis Valley Class of 2012 Presents: Roald Dahl's **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

March 23rd and 24th

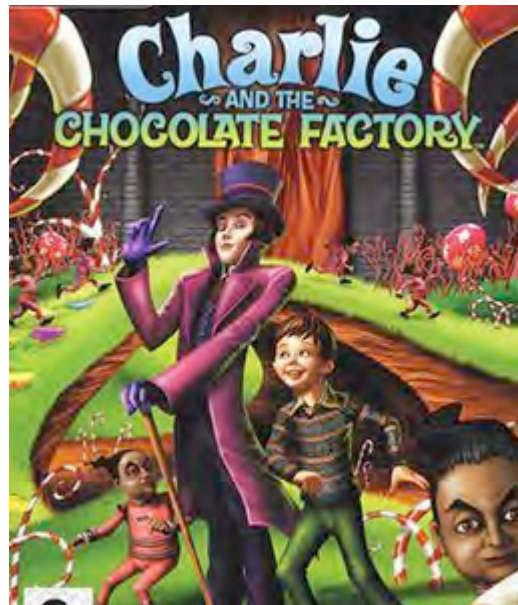
6:00 p.m. at the Milo Town Hall

Admission: \$2.00 per student-\$5.00 per adult-  
\$8.00 per family Directed By Chad Gerrish

**UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH  
BROWNVILLE JUNCTION**

will have an

**INDOOR YARD SALE  
MARCH 31 9AM TO 1PM**



### FISHING DERBY RESULTS

50 years ago Herb Carey drew the tickets for the raffle prizes and on the fifty year anniversary of the derby his grandchildren, 2 of Bobby and Alyson's children, drew the tickets.

Shown also is Mike Harris.



Colton Dow caught the biggest togue and the biggest fish for the 16 and under division.

REGISTERED FISH DRAWING WINNER

- 1. Ice Fishing Supplies - Bailey Lumber  
Dave Denis, Bucksport
- 2. Ice Fishing Equipment - James W. Wadman, CPA  
Gary Heinemeyer, Brownville
- 3. 1 Weekend Cabin Rental - C.C. Polaris & Country  
Cabins  
Benjamin Jay, Milo
- 4. Carhartt Camo Work Jacket - Webber Ace Hardware  
Bud Bragg, Milo
- 5. Packable Shelter with Chair - Old Town Trading Post  
Mike King, Brownville
- 6. \$100.00 Gift Certificate - Three Rivers Hardware  
Bud Bragg, Milo
- 7. Jet Sled with Hitch and Cover Rick Russell, Dover-  
Foxcroft

CASH PRIZES

FISH PLACE NAME LENGTH

(inches) WEIGHT(pounds)

- Togue 1st - \$200 Tony Bavelaar, Milo 29" 6.99
- 2nd - \$100 Roddy Rublee, Glenburn 27.5" 6.64
- 3rd - \$50 Colton Dow, Sebec 27.25" 6.52
- Salmon 1st - \$200 John Goode, Hampden 27.25" 6.03
- 2nd - \$100 Bruce Santoro, Madison 25.25" 4.82
- 3rd - \$50 Evan Bernard, Scarborough 24.25" 4.65
- Trout 1st - \$200 Matt Keene, Gardiner 18.5" 2.19
- 2nd - \$100 Normand Gove, West Gardiner 16.75" 1.97
- 3rd - \$50 Guy Green, Brownville 17.75" 1.80
- Pickereel 1st - \$100 Mike Heath, Brownville 24.75" 3.83
- 2nd - \$50 Keith Dirago, Topsham 23.25" 3.56
- Cusk 1st - \$100 Mike Beland, Medford 29" 5.32
- 2nd - \$50 Alan Cox, Medway 27.25" 4.71
- Bass 1st - \$100 Kolby Ingstrom, Alton 19" 3.74
- 2nd - \$50 Samantha Sinclair, Milo 16.5" 3.36
- White Perch 1st - \$100 Joe Arsenault II, Millinocket  
18.5" 2.81
- 2nd - \$50 Alan Cole, Bradford 13.75" 1.71

Bonus Prize

- Largest Togue OR Salmon 1st - \$100 Tony Bavelaar,  
Milo - Togue 29" 6.99
- Largest Fish 16 years or under 1st - \$50 Colton Dow, 13  
years old - Togue 27.25" 6.52
- 2nd - \$25 Connor Glower, 9 years old - Togue 25" 6.08

DONATED SHORE PRIZES WINNER

- GRAND PRIZE: 2012 Polaris Sportsman 400 ATV  
(from Country Club Polaris, Milo) Cheryl Mayo, Wells
- #1 Cabin for 1 week (May-Aug 25) - Beech Ridge Camps  
Gayle Eames, Glenburn
- #2 Camp for One Weekend - Four Seasons Camp Jerry  
Oulette, Milford
- #3 Whale of a Weekend in Plymouth, MA - Captain John  
Whale Watching & Fishing Tours Sheila Ellis, Milo
- #4 24" Combo Homeowner's Tool Chest - S&L NAPA  
Auto Parts, Milo Tom Russell

- #5 20 foot Flag Pole & Flag - World of Flags, USA Jack  
Bragg, Sr., Milo
- #6 1 Cord Wood, Cut/Split/Delivered 20 Miles -  
Heath's Firewood  
Matthew Albert, Bradford
- #7 1 Night Lodging & Dinner - Wildwoods Trailside  
Cabins, Brownville Eric Trask, Milford
- #8 \$250 Gift Cert. - A.E. Robinson, Dover-Foxcroft  
Richard Zelkan, Milo
- #9 \$200 Gift Cert. - C&J Variety John Brown, Sr.,  
Brownville Jct.
- #10 \$200 (Gas) - Tradewinds Market, Milo Sean  
Richards, Rockport
- #11 \$150 Gift Cert. - Graves Service Station Mike  
Smith, Milford
- #12 \$100 Gift Cert. - Harmon's Shell, Milo Theresa  
Bouchard, Milo
- #13 \$100 Gift Cert. - Joe's Repair Shop, Brownville  
Tom Wallace, Brownville
- #14 \$100 Service Station Card - DeWitt-Jones Realty,  
Milo Bill Smart, Sebec
- #15 \$100 Gift Cert. - Hobnobbers Pub, Milo Hazen  
Conlogue, Brownville
- #16 \$100 Sporting Goods - LakeView Realty, Inc. &  
Schoodic Enterprises Ray Darveau, East Millinocket

791 Fish Registered

- Togue: 382
- Salmon: 18
- Trout: 14
- Cusk: 55
- Pickereel: 178
- Bass: 12
- Perch: 131

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## Week Nine of the Owen Letters

The John mentioned in the letter is John Spruce who was a Wagoner in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine. He enlisted at age 34 into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine on May 28, 1861. John was an old friend of the family. He mustered out on June 9, 1863.

Camp near Warrington  
November 14, 1862

Dear Sister Abbie;

I rec'd yours of the 31st the day before yesterday but I could not get time to answer till today. We have been here ever since last Sunday morning, busy all the time. One day we had to bid farewell to General McClellan, which took all day, then we had to bid General Porter goodbye which took another day, then General Butterfield reviewed and inspected us all. Governor Washburn has been here and paid the Maine Regiments a visit etc. etc. Thus has the week been spent and thus has the WAR been carried on from the beginning; Grand Reviews, Inspections etc. Now they have superseded Gen'l McC just one the eve of a move or when the Army WAS moving on with speed towards Richmond. Now there is a HALT of the whole army around here. Soon the rainy season will come and a long and very disagreeable winter must be spent before anything can be done. I blame McC for not moving before he did and I blame the President for removing him when he did start. It may be the best in the end, but I don't know.

What do the people at home say about it? What do they think about the war? I suppose they are all down on McC, but it is not so with the soldiers I can tell you. All I am fearful of is that if they move on they will have another Bull Run but God help the country if we do.

I rec'd the gloves with the letter and was very glad indeed for I needed them very much. Tell Mother and Clara that I thank them very much. They were just a fit. The boys all wanted to look at them.

You wrote that you heard that I was sick and in the hospital. I would like to know who reports such stories as that. I have been sick only once and that some time ago ( I wrote to you about it at the time) and I was not very sick, only two days and did not go to the hospital and had no thoughts of doing so. You need not believe anything you hear if that is the way. I have been well ever since that, but if you could send me the medicine I should like it.

I have not seen John for some time. He is driving a team and is not with the Regiment much so I cannot see him. He is well however. Tell Father that I want him to keep that colt if he can for I want to ride him when I come home. I see George most every day. He has got up to his regiment and he is well. I have not heard from the sick boys since they went to Baltimore. Charles Clark was here yesterday to see me. They are about 4 miles from us now. Horatio is well.

There are more men on duty in the 6th Rgt than there are in ours. There are only about 450 men on duty in our Rgt now out of 950. The rest are sick or dead. But I must close for this time. Don't wait for me to write but write often to your absent brother. I rec'd those stamps. Love to Father and Mother.

Will





.....PAWS is having a Rummage and Bake Sale on Sat. March 31st 8-4 and Sun. April 1st 8-3, at the Milo Town Hall. Lots of items to "rummage" through and home baked goodies to snack on. Come in and check out the deals!! Anyone interested in helping us set up be at the Town Hall at 5pm Friday night, including anyone who needs community service time, is welcomed.. For more info or to donate to the sale call Donna 965-5277 or Sandy 965-854



The addition at Tradewinds is coming along quickly!

**Brownville Community Church's Annual  
March Madness Fish Chowder and Biscuits  
Dinner  
Saturday, March 17, 2012, from  
5:00 am To 6:30 pm  
\$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children  
Irish Music by Jim Kinney**

Minutes, February 29, 2012 Meeting  
Three Rivers Kiwanis Club  
Milo, Maine

The meeting at the Milo Town Hall was called to order by our president, Jan Barton at 6:40 AM and was attended by eleven members. Five members from the Dover-Foxcroft club and three members from our Key Club were also in attendance. Lt. Governor Bob Moore was recognized on this his official visit to our club.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Past President George Barton and the morning prayer was read by Ben Kittredge, our club's Eliminate project chair.

Frank Cochrane offered an amusing story as a thought for the day.

Happy and Sad Dollars were collected, adding \$10 to the Administrative account.  
Lois Trask and Ruby Grindle both celebrate birthdays on March 2.  
Club members were reminded of the following:

Division 2 Council meeting and caucus Sunday, March 18 at

1:30PM at the Dover library. All members are welcome, club officers and board members are encouraged and delegates are required to attend. Heidi Finson as Immediate Past President and Jan Barton as Club President are attending as delegates.

Regional Training event at Camp Sunshine in Casco on April 21. Jan Barton, Maria Mills, Ethelyn Treworgy and Ed Treworgy are planning to attend. Others are encouraged to attend as well.

- Key Club meets each Thursday at 10:48AM in Room 13 at the High School.
- Builders Club meets each Monday at 11:55AM in Room 21, across from the Office in the High School Wing.
- Terrific Kids are recognized at the following assemblies:  
Milo Elementary each Friday at 8:30 AM  
Brownville Elementary every-other Friday at 1:15PM  
Cook School First and Third Fridays at 10:50AM.

All members are encouraged to attend these meetings to support our SLP groups.

Members are also encouraged to submit pictures and press releases to our PR chair, Jim Macomber, whenever we are involved in a project.

George Barton in the speaker chair for March and presents the following list of speakers:

- March 14, Chad Perkins from the Three Rivers Ambulance Service
- March 21 will be a business meeting.
- March 28, Deb Boyd, the new Administrator of the Piscataquis Region YMCA.

Lt Governor Bob Moore was introduced by President Jan and shared the following information:

- 1.He commended our club for several projects including the Veterans Day Meal, Backpack program and our very active Key Club.
- 2.He highly encouraged all to read the newly revised Yankiwianian each month.
- 3.Bob invited the club to submit one article to the Yankiwianian before year end regarding something unique our club does.
- 4.We are all strongly encouraged to attend the Regional Training Conference on April 21st. The benefits are great, especially for all incoming officers and new members.
- 5.Bob explained the benefits of the Webinars (and particularly those archived and found on the NE Kiwanis website) listing several topics regarding Membership Growth and Retention, Leadership and improved club websites.
- 6.He congratulated us on our work with the Eliminate Project, noting the collection jars at our meeting and our previous contribution to the fund.
- 7.President Jan and Secretary Pauline and others were thanked for the hard work over the last few months getting the official roster reconciled with our club roster.
- 8.We were reminded that it is important to make new members

feel welcomed by all in Kiwanis and the importance of all members to understand the current rules and bylaws of the club. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 AM

Respectfully submitted, Pauline Mullins, Secretary, with input from Maria Mills, Vice President and Jan Barton, President



**NOTICE:  
THE MILO FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PERFORMING LIVE-FIRE TRAINING.**

WHEN: (STARTING AT 8AM)  
SUNDAY, MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>: INTERIOR FIRE TRAINING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>: HOUSE WILL BE BURNED  
WHERE: 40 WEST MAIN STREET, MILO  
\*HEAVY SMOKE AND TRAFFIC DELAYS CAN BE EXPECTED.  
\*WEST MAIN STREET WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE-LANE FOR THE DURATION ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup>.  
ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS PLEASE CONTACT: MILO FIRE DEPARTMENT - 943-2303



**The Three Rivers Kiwanis Auction** Committee members are planning the 2012 auction. The auction and yard sale will be held the weekend of June 22 and 23 in Milo. The Three Rivers Kiwanis has space available this year to store auction/yard sale items that individuals would like to donate early.

The proceeds of the auction/yard sale are used to support children's programs such as Reading is Fundamental, Bike Rodeo, Secret Santa, Terrific Kids, Summer Swim program, Special Olympics, Girl and Boy Scouts, the Gazebo and many other community service projects.

If you are interested in donating new or used items in good, working condition you can call Bobby Ellison at 943-2317 or 279-0481. Arrangements can be made to pick up items on the next scheduled pick up day. We can also make arrangements for you to drop off items. Sorry, but we are not able to accept clothing or pianos.

**Hobnobbers Pub St.  
Patrick's Day Specials**

**\$22 a person or \$40 a couple  
All choices also available ala carte  
943-5312**

**Starters: \$4**

- ♣ **Potato and Leek Soup**
- ♣ **Guinness Onion Soup**

**All served with Warm Irish Soda Bread**

**Salads: \$4**

- ♣ **Wilted Spinach Salad with Warm Balsamic Vinaigrette**
  - ♣ **Warm Cabbage Salad with Bacon and Bleu Cheese**
- Entrée Choices \$14**



♣ **Corned Beef and Cabbage Boiled Dinner with Potatoes and Carrots**

♣ **Poached Salmon w/Irish Butter Sauce and Colcannon (An Irish Potato Salad)**

♣ **Beef in Guinness Pie.. (Rib Eye simmered in beer with Veggies topped with Puff Pastry)**

**Dessert Platter \$5**

♣ **featuring Guinness Chocolate Pudding and Apple-Oatmeal Crisp with Irish Whiskey Cream**

## The Village of Brownville

In 1806, entrepreneur Moses Brown sent his nephew Francis to a township that he had purchased from the State of Massachusetts, on the Pleasant River to erect a gristmill and sawmill. These mills were built at the dam site just north of where you are standing utilizing a natural rock ledge which ran from bank to bank. All of the materials and supplies for the project were moved through the trackless wilderness by boats, upstream, from Bangor.

Although the early economy was driven by farming, lumbering, and gristmills, by the 1840's the village began to experience a boom based on the local slate quarries. This local slate was of exceptional quality and prized as a roofing material. You can see these finely crafted slate shingles adorning some of the older buildings today. By 1880 at least 3 quarries were operating in the village, employing over 140 men and producing 50,000 squares of roofing slates a year, valued at \$150,000.

The slate quarries served to diversify the original population. Many of the skilled quarry men were recruited in Wales and induced to move to Brownville. After the Civil War, Gen. O.O. Howard of Leeds, ME, chief of the Freedmen's Bureau, encouraged former slaves to migrate to the area to work in the slate quarries. At one point 9% of the population of the neighboring village of Williamsburg was made up of Freedmen families working in the quarries of Brownville. A contingent of Swedes also moved to the Brownville area from New Sweden for the quarry jobs, swelling the population to nearly 800.

The village continued to develop and prosper into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. New mills diversified employment opportunities, including a match factory, and the Lewis Mill which manufactured products from the native white birch. A railway connection and station completed in 1882 aided the slate quarries in the export of their products. By the early 1900's there was a three story brick office block and Masonic hall complimented the town square located at the east end of a 200 foot covered bridge near where you are standing.

This robust village experienced a devastating fire in August of 1915 when a boiler in the Lewis Mill caught fire and quickly spread to the covered bridge. Prevailing west winds spread the fire via the bridge to the village square where most of the village and many of the mills were destroyed. Displaying remarkable resilience, the village quickly rebuilt, constructing a new concrete bridge by November of that year. The Lewis plant also rebuilt and continued in production until the 1960's.

The Brownville Village of today continues to reflect the strong character and diverse abilities of its resilient inhabitants.

