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A surprise 80th Birthday Party was held at the Jct. Legion Hall on Saturday to honor Arlene Morrill and Eli Zwicker. It was a well kept secret by everyone involved and was truly a surprise for each of them. It was standing room only as friends and family gathered from both sides to wish them a happy birthday.

COFFEE HOUSE FEATURING: EVERGREEN



EVERGREEN will be playing at a Coffee House at the Milo Town Hall Arts Center on Saturday, October 23 at 7:00 Pm. This is being sponsored by the Three Rivers Kiwanis to help finance the programs they provide for children and adults in the area.

Evergreen is a four member band that plays bluegrass, folk, blues, old-time, country, swing, jazz, and about anything else you might want to hear. This very talented group is made up of Joe Kennedy playing the harmonica and bass; Nellie Kennedy playing bass, guitar, mandolin, and autoharp; Chris Prickitt playing guitar, accordion, and fiddle; and Steve Chaisson playing bass. They all participate in the vocals with voices that blend together in harmony that is delightful to the ear.

The Coffee House is at the Milo Town Hall Arts Center at 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 23. Admission is \$8.00 at the door. Desserts and drinks will be on sale

and there will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. See you there?

The local Ecumenical Food Cupboard housed at the Park St. United Methodist Church in Milo is in need of bars of soap, paper products, and canned meats such as tuna, corned beef, chicken, ham, etc. All donations will be appreciated.

The Milo Garden Club will hold its fall meeting on October 12, at the Finest Kind Tree Farm in Dover-Foxcroft. Meet at the municipal parking lot at 11:00 a.m. for a ride. Bring your own lunch. Wreath and gift shop will be open.

Just a reminder that there will be no yoga on Oct. 13th. See you back on the 20th! Cindy

The Three Rivers Senior Citizens meet at the Milo Town Hall for a potluck dinner the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome. The 1st and 3rd Fridays they play cards. Please call the President, Natalie Harris for further information at 943-2520.

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BINGO...BINGO...BINGO!!!
 THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS BINGO
 EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT A MEAL IS SERVED FROM 5:00PM UNTIL 6:15 PM
 BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30
SEE YOU THERE

FALL RABIES CLINIC

There will be a rabies clinic held at the Milo Town Hall on Saturday, November 6th, 2004, from 10am-11am. The towns of Milo and Brownville and Foxcroft Veterinary Service will sponsor the low-cost clinic and the cost will be \$6.00 for a rabies vaccination and \$12.00 for a distemper vaccine. Cat Owners; please take special note, as State of Maine Law now requires that ALL cats be vaccinated against rabies.

In addition, please be aware that if you are no longer able to properly care for a companion animal, there are humane ways to deal with the problem. It is a Class D crime in Maine to abandon a pet, and anyone doing so will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Contact your Town Office for the appropriate alternatives. Also, if your pet is lost or missing, or if you find an animal, Call the Brownville Town Office at 965-2561 or the Milo Town Office at 943-2202.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In reply to Val's letter in the September 27th issue of the *Three Rivers News*. She had asked Dan Carroll, our local game

warden, a question about hunting bears. He replied that bear are very elusive. In my opinion he summed it up real well.

I worked in and around the woods for fifteen years while I was young. In the fall I usually carried a gun as I enjoyed hunting. In those fifteen years plus thirty more of hunting in the fall I saw or should say got a glimpse of only three bears. If I had known they were there I don't think I would have been able to get a decent shot. They move very fast and quietly. It's almost impossible to hunt them successfully in the thick Maine woods. They are just too elusive!

When animals over-populate an area and over-feed the food supply, they become a nuisance to us humans.

Ask anyone south of Southern Maine how they feel about the Canadian geese that have become so plentiful; they are a real nuisance. Deer, when over-protected, become a real problem. Ask the people who live in Cape Elizabeth. The deer eat their gardens, both vegetable and flower. They have tried many ways to reduce their numbers. It's too late! Guns are dangerous in these heavily populated areas. Bow hunters are not that plentiful so the deer keep on multiplying, getting smaller and as the food supply dwindles they starve to death. It takes time but it works. Deer are also elusive and feed at night.



Back to the bears. I was amused by the article following Val's in the paper. Quote "This practice eliminates the concept of fair choice and hunting skill." Complete and fair choice would be to hunt animals barehanded, no guns, no bows or arrows, no knives, etc. So what can we do to control their numbers?

A person can hunt bears in Maine but it will not be an effective way to control their numbers. Just for an example, how many bears have you ever seen in Maine that you could have shot? Probably none.

Baiting bear and shooting from a stand is effective and should insure a one-shot kill of a selected animal. Treeing a bear is an effective way to examine the animal and either let it go or shoot it with a well-placed shot. Leg hold snares are very humane, no pain, just restraint. Very humane!

Did you ever notice that the ones who say, "Don't bait, don't chase or snare never come up with a solution to the problem"?

When cars run into deer or moose they are the first to cry, "Too many! Do something!"

Maine may be one of the few or possible the only state that uses these methods to control the bear population, however, Maine is different than other states. We have a fine group of bear experts who are doing a good job. Let's let them do their job that they are doing so well.

Vote "No" on Question 2.

Carl M. Hamlin
 Val,

I think it would be appropriate to print the "Bear Facts" so readers can make their own decision based on facts. I think this fact sheet explains clearly the reasons why bear are plentiful and elusive. Lynn Ricker

**MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
 BEAR FACTS**

Black Bears Are Thriving in Maine

- Black bears are widely distributed in Maine.
- Approximately 23,000 bears occur statewide.
- Maine's bear population has increased 28% since 1990.
- Maine has the largest bear population in the eastern United States and one of the largest in the continental U.S.
- IFW receives about 300 nuisance bear complaints each year.

Maine Has a "State of the Art" Bear Management Program

- Maine has one of the most extensive, comprehensive, and longest standing bear studies in North America. It is based on wildlife management's most current, scientific methods.
- More than 2,000 bears have been captured and marked since 1975.

- Between 40 and 78 radio-collared bears are tracked annually; 40-50 den sites are visited each winter.
- IFW collects detailed information on bear survival, birth rates, behavior, and animal condition.
- Information gathered from this study allows IFW to adjust the bear harvest to levels that achieve bear population objectives and ensure the conservation of Maine's black bears.
- IFW has monitored bear harvests since 1969.

Public Input Determines Black Bear Management Objectives

◦ In 1999, a public working group representing landowners, forest industry, sportsmen, environmentalists, etc., developed the following management objectives for 2000 through 2015:

1. Stabilize the bear population at 23,000 bears through annual hunting and trapping harvests.
2. Promote traditional hunting and trapping methods.
3. Promote public tolerance of bears in Maine.

Regulated Hunting is the Primary Tool to Achieve Publics' Goals and Objectives

- To achieve publicly derived bear population objectives, we will need to harvest about 3,500-4,000 bears annually.
- From 1999-2003, Maine's bear harvest has averaged 3,750.
- Hunting season and methods are tightly regulated, and the bear harvest is closely monitored.
- Bear harvest by methods since 1999:

Bait 78%

Incidental to deer hunting 6%

Hounds 10%

Method unreported 4%

Trapping 2%

◦ Success rate of bear hunters is about 25% each year. By contrast, in 2003, moose hunters averaged an 80% success rate, and 34% of turkey hunters and 18% of deer hunters were successful.

◦ In almost all forms of hunting, hunters select sites with natural foods, and use lures, scents, decoys, and manual and electronic calls to attract their quarry. Aspects of all of these techniques are inherent in all hunting and have been a part of hunting since its beginnings.

◦ Other bear hunting methods used in states that have restricted the use of bait and/or dogs may be unworkable and are likely impractical in Maine because of our terrain and thick vegetation.

◦ Hunting bear over bait is the most effective way to hunt bear in Maine and the most effective way for IFW to achieve bear population objectives. For more information, check the website:

www.mefishwildlife.com

Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004

Dear Valerie Heavenly Flower, (Editor's note: I love that endearing nickname!).

Read your article concerning the bear hunting referendum with great interest. Perhaps I can shed some light on some of the challenging questions you posed.

In reference as to how bears can be a nuisance yet elusive. Nuisance bear complaints are usually lodged in the spring of the year when bears first emerge from hibernation; are extremely hungry, and natural food supplies are at a minimum. At this time, bird feeders, pet food left outside, garbage left outside, etc. become very attractive. At this time, no hunting is allowed.

As for stalking bears in the wild: have you or anyone you know ever walked up on a bear within shooting distance? 30,000 bears scattered over 15+ million acres of Maine leaves a lot of space between bears. Concentrations of bears exist when beechnut or acorn crops in an area are plentiful. Do you see a difference in a hunter watching a beechnut grove, apple orchard or oak stand and a hunter watching over placed bait?

As for placing a humane one shot kill, hunting over bait allows for the clearing of an open shooting lane and the chance to observe the bear for a long enough period of time to establish that it does not have cubs. Taking a snap shot at a fleeing bear in the forest allows for neither. We hear about how it is done in other states without baiting, but how many of these states have thick cover as it is here in Maine?

The general perception that shooting a bear over bait is like shooting hogs at a trough or fish in a barrel is not from anyone

that has ever sat watching bait. The bear is extremely cautious and more often than not goes to the bait after dark.

The question I would pose to these people is that if it is so easy, then why is the success rate only around 20%?

As for hunting with dogs, it is also far from a sure thing. A bear can and often does run for many miles. Some never tree, run a distance, then turn and face the dogs. A sow with cubs will usually send the offspring up a tree and then follow. Again, this allows the hunter to see that there are cubs and pass up the kill.

Personally, I do not agree with bear trapping, but would not argue with someone's right to do so.

HSUS, which is providing the funding for this referendum also encourages people to not allow hunting, trapping, or logging on their property. I find this a bit contradictory in that their appeal for funds is printed on paper.

My final point would be to issue a challenge to anyone that feels it is realistic to stalk and hunt bear in Maine. I would gladly accompany them and keep track of the hours spent and miles walked before an ethical opportunity to shoot a bear occurred.

Respectfully,

George Hartman

After I answered his letter he replied:

Valerie,

Do anything you please; you haven't stirred up a mess. If you have read the BDN (the "other" paper), according to the polls the referendum isn't going to pass anyway. The demographic that they have put together is that most of the people for it are women 55 and older.

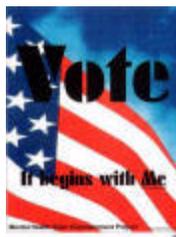
(Editors Note: I'm only 49!!!!)

I have a problem with org. that when faced with scientific fact that is against their point of view, then they try the end run with lies and appealing to people's soft side.

I blame most of this on Walt Disney. While I have never shot a bear, I could have on many occasions. What many people don't want to face is the fact the Ma Nature is a cruel old bugger. Her way of controlling population is with disease, predation, and starvation. We on the other hand, like to think that we can do it a better and more humane way. A short trip to Marsh Island in Old Town is a classic example of what happens when She rules. Dense overpopulation of deer, many starve each winter or depend on people feeding them in their back yards. There are so many coyotes there due to the deer that most of them have mange. Can't imagine a worse fate than facing a Maine winter with little or no fur. But horrors to the thought of a mean hunter and trapper controlling the populations to a manageable level.

OK Valerie my heavenly flower, I am down off the soapbox.

Love, George



Response from Val: *My! I have certainly opened a can of worms, and while I respect the opinions of others, I don't look at this issue as a bunch of numbers or look at it as a means of eliminating a nuisance. I am speaking from my heart. I am a person who by choice and by profession has chosen to save or make better the lives of any animal I am in contact with. I have had calls from scores of folks concerned with the welfare of any species of animal, from*

squirrels and pigeons to horses and cows. Once I am presented with the needs of the critter, in my heart and mind I am now its voice and its hope and I take this duty very seriously.

I try to stay out of verbal confrontations on this issue because I know that words from someone aren't going to change my mind any more than I'm going to change theirs. And as I stated before, I am not anti-hunting, although I wouldn't mind if every gun in the world suddenly disappeared.

On Tuesday night, I watched for the first time, the dude on "Jeopardy" who has won a gazillion dollars. To do this, I had to watch our local ABC channel and for the first time I saw the ads, both for and against the bear hunting methods in question. The ads literally brought me to tears.... and although I know both sides are presenting their case in the most exaggerated way, I was equally

moved by both. Of course I don't want children to be in danger from bear attacks, nor do I want children in danger of dog or moose attacks. But I don't want either of these animals shot on sight either.

If a bear becomes a nuisance to an area, I would be the first one to say kill them (I'm sorry, apparently "harvest" is the politically correct term for kill). I would shoot or have someone shoot a bear if one was in my barnyard threatening my pets and livestock, but until I've actually seen a live bear, it is hard for me to think of them as a nuisance.

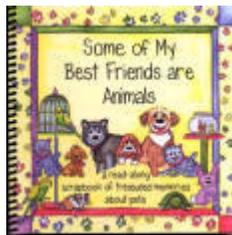
Coincidentally, I have a stray hunting dog here at my house and have had her since last Saturday, the 2nd of October. She was found on the end of the River Road, technically in Sebec. She has been identified as a "bear dog". When I got her, she was the most starved, thinnest animal I had ever seen. She could have been used to give a skeletal anatomy lesson because quite literally every bone in her body protruded from her slight covering of skin. I have been feeding her Iams dry puppy food and Science Diet canned puppy food for the 8 days I've had her and you can still see every rib, but she is gaining.

Susie Ricker spent Thursday of last week helping me try to locate her owner, as it is so hard for me to believe no one is looking for her. She is loving and bright and belonged to someone for sure! Anyway, Susie went on all back roads between here and Dover stopping hunters to ask if they were missing a dog or knew of anyone who was missing a dog. Without exception she was told she should have left the dog where it was as its owner would have left an article of clothing where he had last seen her and when he returned the next day the dog would be waiting for him. I don't understand exactly what the dog was supposed to be eating and drinking during these 12 or more hours while she waited for her human to get her, but that's what Susie got for advice. This is one of the arguments I have against the dog aspect of bear hunting. Another aspect that breaks my heart is knowing that the terror the bear must feel as it is being chased by the frantic hounds. No living thing deserves to spend its final minutes of life in horror and terror.

So I will continue to print all of the facts and statistics anyone wants to submit, and maybe these opinions will sway someone to vote no on the referendum question. I know that I could never ever be a party to voting for anything that makes killing an animal easier or acceptable. And you can believe that I won't be watching any local news until after November 2. I see plenty of animals hurt or dying right here in our area without being hurt by images of animals I can't help. Voting is my way of doing what little I can.

SCRAPBOOKING CLASS!!

Starting in October the scrapbook club will be starting classes on two Saturday afternoons each month from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Milo Town Hall. Each class will feature a "Make and Take Project. There will be a small fee charged to cover the cost of the material for this project. Scrappers will bring their supplies and have a chance to share and swap materials. We will have large paper cutters, a Sixxiz die-cut machine and assorted punches available for use. Instructors are Lynn Gerrish and Tina Johnston.



Morita Tapley's School of Dance will be holding classes on Wednesdays at the Milo Town Hall, starting October 6th. Pre-school - K, 3:00 - 4:00, Grades 1-4, 4:00 - 5:00, Grades 5-up 5:00 - 6:30. Dance instructor is Denise Knowles. Sign ups are still being taken.

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold a Public Baked Bean and Ham Supper on Saturday, November 6, from 5-6:30pm. The menu will include baked beans, ham, assorted casseroles, cole slaw, pickles, rolls, and assorted desserts. Tickets will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Proceeds will benefit church projects.

News Release

HANNAFORD FLU CLINICS TO ADHERE TO CDC GUIDELINES

Vaccine available to priority groups only

(Scarborough, ME)--Hannaford Supermarkets announced today that flu clinics, previously scheduled for 121 of its stores, would continue for the time being. However, only those priority groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) will be eligible for the \$20 vaccine.

Hannaford spokesperson Caren Epstein said that Maxim Healthcare Services, the company with whom Hannaford contracts for the in-store clinics, had informed Hannaford yesterday that they would be immunizing only those people whom meet the CDC's "high risk criteria" and those whom meet additional criteria established by Maxim.

According to the CDC, that group includes the following:

- all children aged 6–23 months*
- adults aged 65 years and older
- persons aged 2–64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions
- all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season**
- residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- children aged 6 months–18 years on chronic aspirin therapy
- health-care workers involved in direct patient care
- out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged less than 6 months.

* Children must be at least 9 years of age to receive the vaccine from Maxim and anyone under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. It is recommended that children under 9 years of age see their pediatricians for vaccine.

** Pregnant woman under 13 weeks must have a prescription from their doctor in order to receive a Maxim-administered vaccination. Pregnant women in their 2nd and 3rd trimester (over 13 weeks) do not need a prescription.

Maxim Healthcare nurses will be asking customers to fill out a questionnaire. Responses will determine eligibility for the vaccine.

"We want customers to have this information in advance," Epstein said, "so that they can plan accordingly."

"Maxim Healthcare purchases their vaccine from Aventis Pasteur, Inc.," said Epstein. "Vaccine from the this company is not associated with that of Chiron Corporation, whose license to manufacture the vaccine has been suspended, leading to the shortage and the need for the new CDC recommendation."

"Should the vaccine availability situation change, Hannaford Supermarket flu clinic schedules will be adjusted accordingly and customers will be notified through the media and on our web site," she said.

"With the supply shortage, we anticipate large numbers of customers at the flu clinics," Epstein said. "Customers who are unable to secure flu vaccines at a Hannaford Supermarket clinic are encouraged to contact their physicians."

Hannaford Bros. Co., based in Scarborough, Maine, operates 123 supermarkets and food and drug combination stores in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York and Massachusetts. These stores operate under the Hannaford Supermarket and Hannaford Supermarket and Pharmacy names. Hannaford employs more than 21,500 associates. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of

Delhaize America, Inc., which in turn is owned by Delhaize Group of Brussels, Belgium. Additional information about the company can be found at its web site www.hannaford.com



MATT IN MALI

The experiences of Milo's own Matt Pokrywka as he serves in the Peace Corps.

A short forward by his Mom, Mary Jean:

Val- Just got this from Matthew, hate to even think what "toe" is! MJ

Sent: Saturday, October 09, 2004 11:18 AM

Greetings everyone,

Where do I start?...It seems as if my eyes are opening wider every single day that I'm here. I moved in with my host family two days ago and what an experience it has been so far.

15 of us arrived in Dialiakoroba at around 11:30am on Thursday. After getting off of the bus we were greeted by a large crowd of people and led to the area where they have their marketplace on Saturdays, which was empty of course on Thursday. Then one by one our names were called out and when mine was called I was met by my host brother Malik, his two mothers, and one of his sisters. After a short greeting they grabbed my stuff even after I told them I would carry it, because my suitcase weighed about 40 pounds and his sister was carrying it on her head with no problems.

When we got to our compound I was greeted by his family...about 25 kids in all and his father, Abdoulaye Ba and his aunt, Aissaita. They got a chair for me and I sat in the shade with them for about 10 minutes with all of them staring and smiling at me as if I were a goldfish in a fishbowl. After sitting there and not really being able to communicate with any of them (they only speak Bambara) except Malik (age 23) and his brother Drissa (18), who speaks some French, I went into my house and grabbed a notebook and pen and started pointing to each of them and saying 'I togo' - what is your name. I wrote all of their names down and went back around and tried to pronounce them. After that I started pointing to things and saying 'A togo' - what is its name. They really loved it and got a kick out of me pronouncing it...they would also imitate me and laugh...I loved it and am taking all 'constructive criticism' in stride. I learned the names of everything that was around me.... the house, my body parts, numbers, colors, animals, and some French phrases that my brothers knew.

Next I got to eat lunch with Malik... we ate 'toe' and it was pretty nasty.... but I managed to get it down. Around 4pm I had to go meet up with the rest of the Peace Corp volunteers and get some things organized for the morning. When I got back to the house, the children were all saying my name and following me around...it was really cool. I then 'took a bucket' (no showers round these parts) and went for a walk with Malik and some of his friends. When we got back Malik and I ate some couscous...it was better than the toe and went down easier too.

After dinner I was served some porridge that tasted like rice pudding.... really delicious. Then my host mother told me that my new name was 'Abdoulaye Ba', just like my host dad. It really felt great because I knew that they liked me and were treating me as if I was one of their own.

Yesterday, I woke up and when one of the children called me Matthew, I said 'Matthew be min?'-- where is Matthew? I started looking all around, under chairs and in my house, and they started laughing. Then I said 'N togo Abdulaye Ba' (my name is Abdulaye Ba), and everyone started cracking up and laughing...they loved it and I haven't been called Matthew since...unless they know that I will do the same thing.

When I haven't been doing PC stuff (language training and cross culture sessions), I have been hanging out with either Malik and Drissa and their friends. My French is getting better and has really helped me learn Bambara...Some of their friends speak French and Drissa speaks pretty good French and speaks some English. Whenever I would ask the name of anything, a phrase, verb, or noun, all of them want to know how to say it in English. It's pretty fun.

The way that my family has taken me in truly blows me away. I already feel as if I am part of their family and I love their children. My host dad is very patient with my bambara and my host mom loves to test my bambara, even though she knows that I speak hardly any.

In the future when you get emails from me, don't be surprised if I refer to them as my father, mother, and brothers/sisters...because I already am here. It is really amazing.

Aside from my host family, I found out my site location and assignment a few days ago also. I will be working in a small village (approx. 1700 people) just outside of the city of Kayes, which is located at the western part of Mali and is in the Kayes region. I have been told that the Kayes region is the most beautiful region in all of Mali...plush greenery (relative to the northern Sahara), many cliffs mountains, and waterfalls, and plenty of fruits and veggies in season. Better yet, my village is located right o the Senegal River, which from what I have heard is absolutely beautiful.

In the village itself, they have 4km of gardens stretching along the banks of the river. It's also about 30km from the city of Kayes (about 80,000), so I will have Internet access on a weekly basis.

As for my assignment, I am going to be working with women's associations (not sure of specifics), teaching people about credit and savings, and teaching people about some new gardening techniques. I will be working with people from 19 different villages; so I will be biking quite a bit...I guess the longest distance I have to travel is 19-20 km. It should whip me into shape.

I guess that is all for now...I love you all and please forward this message to anyone that you don't see on the mailing list. Take care and I will write to you the next chance that I get.

Love, Matt

OH YEAH...here is my mailing address:

Matthew Pokrywka

Corps de la Paix BP-85

Bamako, Mali

Editors Note:

I was curious about the "toe" and found some information on the internet. Sounds about as bad a Mary Jean worried it might be!

"The most traditional Malinese meal consists of millet, to (pronounced TOE) and okra sauce, which will remind Western palates of nothing so much as Play-Doh dipped in slimy, viscous sauce. We preferred the combination of couscous and saga saga (a sweet-potato-leaf sauce) or rice and tiga diga (a peanut-based sauce). Fish can be excellent, especially la capitaine sangha, a Nile perch served with hot chili sauce, fried bananas and rice. Make sure to try the strong, sweet Malian tea. The traditional three rounds facilitate friendly conversation. And don't be surprised if you order a drink and it comes with the coaster placed on top of the glass, instead of under - it's there to keep flies out"

I have decided to adopt Matt and his friends and make them the project of my group of library kids. I sent the following letter to Mary Jean and I have entered Matt's name onto the newspaper's mailing list. I will keep you all updated on our project and how the kids react to our new endeavor.

Dear Mary Jean:

I am so enthralled with Matt's experiences and his writing...There are stories by other PC folks at the Peace Corp Mali site and they are also fun to read, at

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/www/students/letters/mali/index.html>

I have a group of 30 or so kids that meet at the Library on Wednesday's and our last meeting is right before December so I think I am going to take them all "shopping" for the kids in Matt's family or village or whatever is feasible. When you get pictures I would love one of the children he is in contact with, and I need a list of items that would be most fun for the folks to get that would be feasible to ship.... also, some items we can get Matt!! That way things will get there in time for our Christmas and if Matt can get a picture of the kids with our "stuff" It would be an amazing chance for the kids to see that they can make a difference in someone's happiness. Val

Yard Sale

Oct. 23 from 9- 1 at Brownville Elementary
To benefit the 5th Grade trip to Boston in May
We'd appreciate your support!!

AREA SCHOOL NEWS



The Marion C. Cook School was recently visited by Ingrid Langley and Beth Kimball of Prevention Partner's Inc. This is a non-profit service organization. Their goal is to "awaken people to the need for oral hygiene preventive maintenance for optimal health." The services provided included cleanings and checkups with fluoride treatments and sealant. Many smiling children were seen around the building after their cleaning. Ingrid Langley, Samantha Noke and Betsy Kimball are shown in the above picture.



10/1/04 Terrific Kids Mackenzie Morel, Michaela Noke and Sha-Lynn Trafton. Also in the picture are Bus Student of the Week, Harmony Pierce and Mr. Jack Eastman celebrating his birthday.

BEDTIME

BY CARL HAMLIN

My little son is sleeping now
His busy day is o'er.
He rests and dreams of another day
With all its boyish lore.



His trike stands ready for tomorrow
With clothespins all attached'
With broken bell and loosened wheel
For him it has no match.

His little bear lies close beside
To keep him warm at night.
And on the floor the tired toys
Lie scattered, as if to quickly flee
His careless little hands.

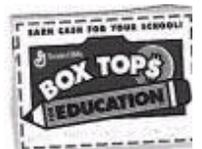
I watched his face and wondered
What life for him would bring.
And then I thought of his little prayer
And knew that God would keep him
Safe and well
So I'll tuck the bedclothes tighter
And have faith in Him above,
To keep watch tonight and forever
Over my little Son.



6th Graders at Brownville have been studying the Paleolithic and Neolithic Eras of Ancient History. They have created computer drawings of the ancient city of Catyl Huyuk and written their names in clay using cuneiform writing. Here, Cole DuMonthier and Miranda Conklin pose with some prehistoric artwork they've designed.

BOX TOPS MEAN BIG BUCKS!!!

Milo Elementary School received greetings and a gift of General Mills BoxTops from a former Milo resident. Albert Harmon from Marion, North Carolina sent in boxtops and a note to the school. Thanks so much for thinking of us.



Community members are reminded that those little labels add up, so send them in to school hen you see the little pink labels on your groceries. All three elementary schools are also participating in the Dollars for Schools program through the local Hannaford stores. The list of products is much larger this year, so it is easier to earn the dollars for the school. Check the red coupon strip that comes with your receipt to see if you have earned money for schools and then send them in to the school.

The Milo District Schools

By Lloyd J. Treworgy -Continued Part XXIX

Grading delineates the step-by-step process by which a teacher imparts and a pupil absorbs (or is supposed to absorb) definite, sequential aspects of the learning PROCESS. This doesn't mean facts only, or necessarily but more definitely higher and higher skills with education's

tools, of which reading is the first and most important. The grade is the plateau on which a pupil should stand after a marked and specific expertise with these tools.

Grading is a concept educators have paid lip service to ever since the two revisions in the district schools curriculum—"lip service" because, alas, grading in fact has too often succumbed under educative stress to the rationalization of easy solutions carrying the euphemism of "Social promotion."

And social promotion is the evil under which many, many undrilled, illiterate (and mostly teachable) pupils are passed on from grade to grade, until they finally complete high school still functionally illiterate but blessed with the stamp of approval implicit in the diploma.

This evil is a mark of pretty nearly universal culpability, for it is a by-product of the ideal of universal education and universal education, to be a reachable goal, implies the willingness to apply varied teaching techniques to cope with the problems of individual peculiarities and those not necessarily signifying retardation.

Milo suffers, has long suffered, from this evil—but not alone. It is a black mark on the record of nearly every community in the nation.

Some schools with facilities and money to hire especially trained teachers have sought, with more or less success, to by-pass standardized "grades" by sending on pupils as individuals as fast as they can gain the skills that grading has marked out, step-by-step.

Where mass education prevails and there are not enough teachers to cope with specialized needs, "social promotion" is the obvious but tragic solution.

Social promotion is apt to send on the big boy or girl, too well-developed physically to be kept back, lest he or she, be laughed at or find discomfort in the company of smaller classmates. It is apt to send on the "hell-raiser", the hyper-active, who may or may not be exceptionally intelligent but for whom one year is enough, the teacher feels, along with all his or most likely her other teaching duties. Social promotion is apt to find its largest group in the (for some reason) unmotivated pupil who came to class illiterate and goes on in the same state to the next class. Most tragic of all is the social promotion, which carries along the puzzling individual whose facilities for absorbing need special teaching to reach him.

No, the big pupil, the hell-raiser, the unmotivated, the puzzling mind are not necessarily to be blamed on the teacher's neglect, particularly if she has large classes to handle. It is however, a problem to be considered with deep concern, for not only are the student brains being wasted but a lot of taxpayers' money is being wasted also in this unfruitful process.

Perhaps modern education could well take a page from the book of district school teaching methods.

The directives laid down in 1894 and 1897 for the district schools were rigorous and painstaking.

Word reading, phonetics, punctuation and spelling began right away, in the first year of school. By the second year there was "correcting of simple errors in writing; the beginning of the four basic functions in arithmetic; and geography." In the third year, pupils were taught, "to read with expression." There was required "constant practice (i.e. drill) on letter sounds", and "mental arithmetic daily." This learning to stretch the mind by doing problems mentally was to be a continuing item in schoolwork throughout the remaining years of the district system.

Even as late as 1910 there were echoes of these standards as laid down in the 1890's. Mrs. Agnes Sawyer told me that in her approach to teaching reading, she used both phonetics, sounding out letters and identifying words as words—the later "look-see" method.

In the sixth year, after the revisions, there is mention among other items of "spelling, always," and learning to use the dictionary. In the seventh year, "Reading, always," with attention to diacritical marks." There is mention again and again of drill: "Drill in phonetic spelling;" "Drill on the sounds of letters;" and of mental work, without the use of pencil and paper. In the first year of the Intermediate school (corresponding to our fifth grade today) there was mention of "mental arithmetic daily; rapid addition of columns of figures."

The 1897, or second revision of courses was more a rearrangement of grades and schools than any great change in methods. The new arrangement gave two years of sub-primary classes and two years of primary; two years of intermediate and three years of grammar school—a total of nine years in the grades. This arrangement left the high school to concentrate on high school subjects rather than to spend the first year on what we should consider today grammar school studies.

Under the second revision, though, there was a greater mention of textbooks. The first year of intermediate school (our fifth grade), the subjects were reading, arithmetic, physiology, geography, language, spelling and a sort of early earth science. In all these subjects, except language and earth science, textbooks are specifically mentioned and pages of coverage specified.

Summing up the standards set by the 1894 and 1897 revisions, the preponderance of attention in the early years, seems to have been on the "Three R's" with marked attention to word formation, spelling, punctuation and correct grammatical usage. In arithmetic the stress appeared to be on stretching the memory to make it fast and accurate.

One concern today, which seems to have been noteworthy for its absence among school officials and teachers alike, in those chastened and standardized district schools, was that of separating scholars into two classes—learners and failures. All pupils appeared to be considered

learners—a concept that might well offer food for reflection in the grades today.

MILO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Judith Macdougall

Our beautiful fall weather continues. The air is so crisp, and the sunshine makes the fall colors sparkle.

We have been busy with activities for our younger patrons this week. Last Monday Melissa Hill conducted a Preschool Story/Craft Hour. She had 3 preschoolers attending, and one older brother acted as helper during the craft time. The children listened to stories and did a simple craft picture of a duck with wings on a pond. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. Melissa is planning to have her Preschool Story/Craft Hour the first Monday of each month. She has also decided to have the Story Hour earlier in the day. She is planning to have her next Preschool Story/Craft Hour on Monday, November 1st from 1:30 -2:30 here at the library. If you have any questions, please call Melissa at 943-2791.

On Wednesday the Kiwanis Kids Korner was in attendance at the library with 28 children, and 4 adults—our regulars, Don, Dottie, Frank and Val. Also on hand to lend assistance was Haley Flanders, a 4-H helper. The "Kids" enjoyed eating pretzels in Halloween shapes (bats and jacks), and juice boxes. They worked hard on their journals but had some library time too. During the month of October the children's area will have a large pumpkin filled with candy on the round children's table. Each young visitor may take one piece per visit. The only rule is "Please wait to eat it outside the library."

Our thanks to Melissa Hill for donating the Janette Oke Keepsake series to the library. Volume one contains Love Comes Softly and Love's Enduring Promise. Volume two contains Love's Long Journey and Love's Abiding Joy. Volume three finishes the series with Love's Unending Legacy and Love's Unfolding Dream. Along with this series, Melissa has donated several other Janette Oke titles. For those patrons who like wholesome inspirational reading, come in and see what has been donated lately to our library.

The new books arrived on Monday as I thought they would and are all processed. They are beginning to circulate. If you saw a favorite author, come in to find the book or put your name on the list.

Library Winter Hours

Mon.-Weds. -Fri.---2:00-8:00

Saturday 2:00-4:00

Telephone 943-2612

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES W. HORNE

MILO - Charles W. Horne Sr., 87, died on Oct. 8, 2004, at the Maine Veteran's Home in Bangor, after a relatively brief period of ill health. He was born on April 21, 1917, in Milo the third son of Maurice and Dicea (Henderson) Horne. Charles was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps serving during World War II from May of 1942 through August of 1945 in North Africa and Italy assigned to the 82nd Fighter Group of the 97th Fighter Squadron. After the war Charles married his beloved Ellie and together they made their home on Clinton Street in Milo where they lived for 50 years,

raising their children and then enjoying their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charles worked for the Canadian Pacific Railway as a fireman until he joined the family business, M.C. Horne and Sons, with his dad and brothers. In his retirement he worked for several years driving school buses for M.S.A.D. No. 41. Charles was a community minded man, serving on the board of selectmen and as a trustee for the Milo Water District for many years. He pursued his love of harness racing by owning and racing horses in Maine and belonging for many years to the Maine Harness Racing Association. He was a 55-year member of the Piscataquis Lodge of Masons in Milo. He also was a member of the Tri-County Shrine Club, and the Anah Temple Shrine in Bangor. He also was a long time member of the American Legion Post No. 41 in Milo. Charles had a wonderful recall of the way life in Milo was when he was a child and growing up and raising his family. A true storyteller, he regaled his family and many friends with details of years gone by. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and bird watching, always wanting to be the first one in the family to spot a robin in the spring. He knew the words to hundreds of songs, and passed his love for movies and musicals on to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charles and Ellie built a cottage, which was fondly named Schoodic Heights in 1960, and he was never happier than when he could spend time with his "kids" at the family cottage on Schoodic Lake. Charles was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor (Morrison) Horne in 1995; and a brother, E. Alden (Pete) Horne in 1996. Charles is survived by a son, Charles Jr. of Bangor; and a daughter, Kathryn Witham and her husband, Carroll, of Milo with whom he had made his home for the past few years. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren, Carolyn Dillon and her husband, Bud, of Milo and Thomas Witham and his wife, Leslie (Brace) Witham, of Brunswick, great-grandchildren, Joshua and Brianna Dillon and Hayley and Morgan Witham; one brother, Allan E. Horne and his wife, Norma, of Milo; sisters-in-law, Grace Greene of Lincoln, Violet Neal of Millinocket, and Ethel Cianchette of Pittsfield; brothers-in-law, Frederic and his wife, Leatha Morrison and Richard and Lucille Morrison of Millinocket, many beloved nieces and nephews. Burial will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Shriners Hospital-Boston, care of Anah Shriners, P.O. Box 735, Bangor, ME 04402.

SUZANNE R. RHODA

MILO - Suzanne R. Rhoda, 83, wife of Kenneth C. Rhoda, died Oct. 6, 2004, at a Dexter nursing home. She was born March 12, 1921, in Cambridge, Mass., the daughter of Adam and Frances (Blusis) Laucus, who had immigrated from Lithuania. She was a member of the United Baptist Church of Milo, where she had served as deaconess, Sunday school superintendent, church clerk, and was a member of the choir and the music committee. She had worked as a bookkeeper at Kelley Brothers Lumber in Milo. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Kenneth, of Milo; a daughter, Katherine Rhoda of Hiram; several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, John; and two sisters, Ann and Valerie. Burial will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Three Rivers Ambulance Service, P.O. Box 432, Milo 04463.

HOMECOMING THANK-YOU!

I would like to thank everyone that helped make Homecoming a success this year. We tried to make it more of a community event this year and we were grateful for all the support. From the decorated storefronts, to the new floats this year, to the crowd down at the field for the games, our community really came together to celebrate and the student body recognizes and appreciates it.

I would like to specifically thank the Town of Milo for putting out the flags along the parade route, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Ambulance Service, the Recreation Department, JSI for letting us use their parking lot, and the many businesses that either decorated their stores or submitted floats.

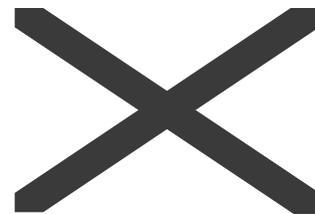
This year was a good beginning for starting some new traditions for PVHS and the community. Thank you, everyone, for your efforts and I hope we can make Homecoming even bigger and better next year!
Liza Comeau, Student Council President

37TH ANNUAL HUNTERS' BREAKFAST
Penquis Valley High School
Milo, Maine
Breakfast buffet of Ham & Eggs, Baked Beans, Biscuits, Pancakes, Juice & Coffee
October 30th
Time: 4:30 to 8:30 a.m.
\$3.50 in advance or \$4.00 at the door
Sponsored by the Sophomore Class!

BACK ALONG WEATHER

From Grammie McCleary's weather diary.
OCTOBER 1990
11-Rain-54° at 12.
12-Fog misty-52° at 6 pm.
13-Fog misty rain-64° at 11:15 pm.
14-Fair am sunny pm-70° at 3 pm.
15-Fog fair am sunny awhile.
16-Sunny windy-56° at 12.
17-Sunny windy am Cloudy sprinkles pm.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, EM!



Emma O'Connor will celebrate her 4th birthday on Wednesday, October 13.

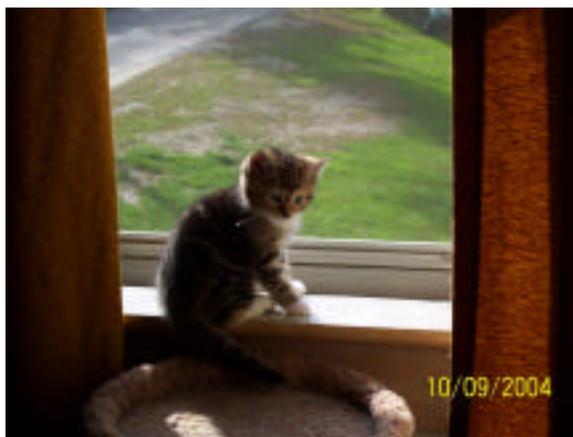
WWW.TRCMAINE IS BACK!

The site is back and it is more wonderful than before!!! The bulletin board is all brand new, so you can be one of the first to post a comment. As a new feature of our site, we will give anyone who donates \$30 or more their very own trcmaine.org email! Just imagine, yourname@trcmaine.org! For a one-time donation of \$30 or more, you can have it! Each email will have a 5 meg limit. Just try to imagine a better way to show your town pride than to have your own e-mail address at TRCMAINE-ORG

Get yours today by going to www.trcmaine.org and signing up!!



If you think this sweetie is cute, you should see the other 8!! P.A.W.S. has the most wonderful group of kittens ever for adoption. One look at this healthy happy bunch and you will get the urge to make a "Cutest Kittens in the World" calendar. The following pictures show a few more of the darlings and if you are a responsible adult who is looking for a best friend, give Julie a call at 943-5083. Our standards for an adoptive home are high and we do require references and a promise from you to spay or neuter.



THREE RIVERS KIWANIS NEWS

CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meets at The Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30 to eat breakfast, hear speakers on various interesting topics, and to share ideas. All are welcome to visit with us. If you would like to join our organization, please contact any Kiwanian for an application.

OCTOBER 6, 2004 MEETING MINUTES



President Murrel Harris greeted twenty-to members this morning. Eben DeWitt led us in the flag salute and Herb Dunham asked for guidance, especially for world leaders, in his prayer this day. Don Harris read the inspirational message of compassion entitled "A SECOND CHANCE" by Billy Graham. In a Georgia Tech game in the 1929 Rose Bowl In California, a player recovered a fumble, but became confused and ran the wrong way. A teammate tackled him before he could score against his own team. During the second half the coach sent the same players on the field again, the player was stunned, considering is error in the first half. The coach said "get up and go back in, the game is only half over."

Fourteen Happy and sad dollar were donated today for black fly season being over, for the Red Sox, for the Kiwanis installation dinner in Dover-Foxcroft, upcoming Kiwanis golf tournament in Dexter, one for it "ain't-over-til it's over" dollar, happy to be back, sad to be gone and have missed installation dinner, sad dollar to have to return from camp, thoughtful dollar for upcoming surgery, happy dollar to be back from travels, year of the Red Sox, and happy dollar for a win in the fantasy baseball league.

Chris Beres reports that there will be no Terrific Kids assembly at the Cook school in LaGrange on Thursday, Oct. 7, as the children will be on a field trip. Milo and Brownville will have their Terrific Kids assemblies as planned.

Kiwanis Kids Corner held on Wednesday afternoon at the Milo Free Public Library. There will be no Kiwanis Kid Korner on October 13 due to school vacation.

Val reports from the *Three Rivers News* that Virgil is back from his travels. Also, that the *Three Rivers News* has topped over 350 copies this week. The new printer is very speedy and the ink is economical. Per Val the server is being moved so that online copies can soon be viewed once again.

Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis installation held on October 1. Eleven Three River Kiwanians and a family member attended the banquet. Many kudos from Dover-Foxcroft for the Three River Kiwanians were offered. Kiwanis Governor's meeting in Orono on October 8. Kiwanian installations at Greenville on Oct 12, at Dexter on October 15, and at Guilford on October 20.

Joe Zamboni reported on the gazebo project. The area around the gazebo now has topsoil and has been seeded. The goal is to get the remainder of the roof rafters in place and get the roof up as soon as possible before winter.

A Coffee House featuring EVERGREEN on October 23 at Milo Town Hall Auditorium. EVERGREEN performed in October of 2003 at the Milo Town Hall Auditorium and was very well received.

A discussion was held concerning the TRC website. TRC does not have a host. TRC has outgrown the rented space and cost is reasonable for a web space. Seth will look into it.

There was not a speaker today. The speaker for next week, October 13, will be Representative Steve Stanley.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, Secretary.

The October meeting of the Milo Historical Society will feature a program we are calling,

"If Walls Could Talk".

The public is invited to come and tell stories, or share photos and artifacts about their own older home or other homes and buildings in Milo that have interesting stories connected to them. Since we are in the Halloween season, it would be fun to hear any haunted house stories you might dare to share!

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this fun and informative program on

Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7:00 PM

**at the Historical Society Museum on High Street,
next to Bailey Lumber Co.**

