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GO SOX!!!! GO SOX!!!! GO !!!!



Plans Finalized for Public Supper

St. John's Episcopal Church

Women have made final plans for their Public Baked Bean and Ham Supper, which will be held at the church in Brownville Junction on Saturday, November 6, from 5pm to 6:30pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The group offers take-out service in the area. For more information contact Susan at 965-8070 evenings.

IN BROWNVILLE JCT. Sponsored by the Brownville Rec. Dept and the American Legion Auxiliary

RIDES TO POLLS ON ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, November 2, is Election Day. This is a very important election and everyone who is eligible should vote. If you need a ride to the polls on Election Day please call 564-0876. Someone in your area will pick you up and drive you to the polls and then take you back home. Don't give up your right to vote by not voting. And remember if you are not registered, you may also do that on Election Day if you are not able to do so before then. Remember call 564-0876 and they will notify the person(s) in your area who are volunteering to drive people to the polls.

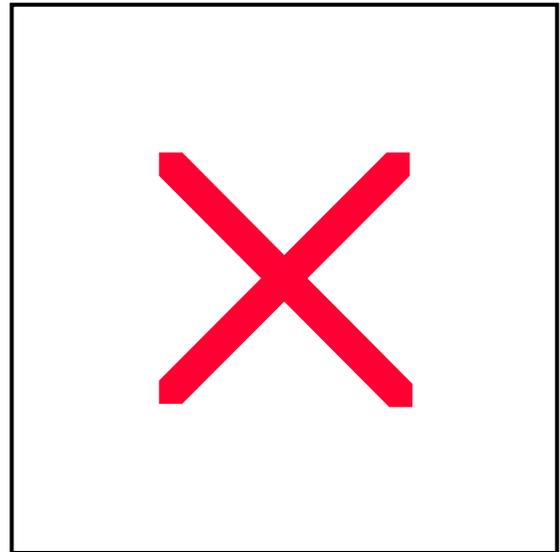
37TH ANNUAL HUNTERS' BREAKFAST

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

Congratulations Kevin!



Upcoming MSAD #41 Adult Education Classes
HOLIDAY CANDY MAKING - This is a four week class that starts Thursday, Nov. 4th and runs from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The class will include making fudge, rock candy, chocolates and other types of holiday candy. Please call Louisa Finnemore at 965-7571 for a supply list. The fee for this class is \$25.00.

WREATH MAKING - This is a four-week class that starts Tuesday, Nov. 2nd and runs from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The class will include making evergreen wreaths, swags, garland, stick wreaths and bows. The fee for this class is **\$25.00**

COMPUTER - OPEN LAB: Open Lab provides time for adult learners to drop in with technology questions, try out the computers, work on independent projects and check e-mail. There are 12 computers available in the Adult Education computer lab. A facilitator will be on hand to answer questions and help with programs. There is no fee. The lab is open Mondays from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. Please call 943-7317 to sign up.

There will be a **PRESCHOOL STORY/CRAFT HOUR** on Monday, Nov. 1st at 1:30-2:30 at the Milo Free Public Library. Lots of fun with stories and crafts. Caregivers are expected to stay. If anyone has questions, they may call Melissa Hill at 943-2791.

Kevin Ricker, 10 years old, got his first deer on youth day, October 23, 2004.

HALLOWEEN NIGHT

4:30 - 7:30 pm

All Trick or Treaters and Parents

Take a Break from the Cold
HOT COCOA AND TREATS FOR THE LITTLE ONES!!!
HOT COFFEE OR TEA FOR THE PARENTS
AMERICAN LEGION HALL



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MEALS FOR ME. MENU

TUES., OCT. 26	FISH STICKS, MASHED POTATO, BEETS, SLICED PEACHES
WED., OCT. 27	POT ROAST, POTATO, PEAS, YOGURT SQUARE
THUR., OCT. 28	PORK CUBE STEAK, MUSHROOM SAUCE, OVEN-BROWNED POTATO, MIXED VEGGIES, CHOCOLATE PUDDING
FRI., OCT. 29	HAPPY HALLOWEEN-WITCHES BREW, BUBBLE AND SQUEAK, TOSSED TO THE NIGHT SALAD, HOB GOBBLER STICKS, MONSTER COOKIES

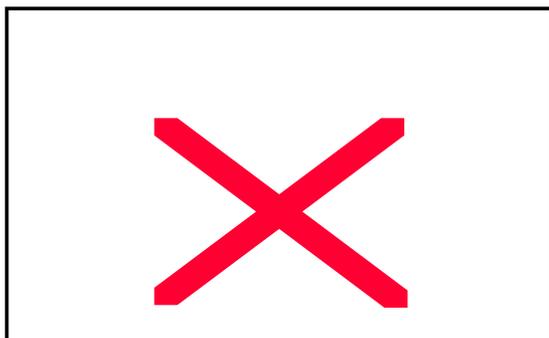
ANYONE 60 OR OVER IS INVITED TO ATTEND OUR MEALS. WE MEET AT THE MILO TOWN HALL DINING ROOM ON MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 11:45 AM AND AT THE QUARRY PINES COMMUNITY ROOM ON FRIDAYS AT 11:45 AM.

PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!
FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 943-2488.

BI NGO...BI NGO...BI NGO!!!
THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS BINGO EVERY FRI DAY 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!

To the Editors:

I never expected to witness certain phenomena in my life: the coming down of the Berlin Wall and the demise of the USSR, for example. On the local front, however, I was shocked to see Three Rivers Kiwanis President Murrel Harris wearing a Red Sox T shirt in the Restaurant the morning after the Red Sox won the pennant.



What a sport!
Bill Sawtell

New flash: Murrel Harris...quote, " I've always been a closet Red Sox fan."

Yes, this is Murrel Harris doing a shameless act and attempting to jinx our beloved Red Sox. The Powers That Be know better and will disregard this and any other low-down efforts by Yankees fans. This is OUR year!!!

Red Sox Trivia

BY BILL SAWTELL

Win a \$20 Gift Certificate at The Junction!

Send answers to Bill Sawtell, POB 272, Brownville, ME 04414, or email tell@kynd.net on or before Friday, October 30.

1. Ted Williams's highest average was (a) .355 (b) .387 (c) .406 (d) .426
2. The greatest Yankee Red Sox killer was (a) Jim Longerg (b) Mel Parnell (c) Ellis Kinder (d) Willard Nixon.
3. Pumpsie Green and Gene Conley took off for (a) Japan (b) Iran (c) Iraq (d) Cuba.
4. The Sox clinched the 1967 pennant against the (a) White Sox (c) Tigers (c) Twins (d) Angels.
5. The best hitting second sacker was (a) Billy Goodman (b) Felix Mantilla (c) Chuck Shilling (d) Mark Bellhorn.
6. Jackie Jensen smoked (a) cigars (b) Camels (c) Lucky Strikes (d) Marlboros.
7. Frank Malzone smoked (a) cigars (b) Camels (b) Lucky Strikes (c) Marlboros.
8. The greatest catch made at Fenway Park was made by (a) Yaz (b) Paul Blair (c) Dwight Evans (d) Al Luplow.
9. The only man to pinch hit for Ted Williams was (a) Gene Stephens (b) Carroll Hardy (c) Jimmy Piersall (d) Jackie Jensen.
10. Jimmy Piersall ended his career with (a) Texas (b) Detroit (c) Cleveland (d) Washington.

Answers and winner announced next week.
Last week no winner

Answers: 1-b 2-a 3-c 4-c 5-c 6-c 7-d 8-d 9-d 10-c

Memories Of a Brownville Junction

Railroader By Bill Sawtell

Baseball 1958- The Players

Nelson Perry-"Nellie" was one of the finest pitchers we ever had. Sneaky fast, he had a great screwball and a sharp curve. He was tall and thin and hid the ball well. He was a great southpaw and could change speeds well. I don't remember his bat too well. "Nellie" is no longer with us.

Gary Chase-Another fine lefty who could bring heat and with good control-always near the strike zone.

Gary was a decent hitter. He, too, is no longer with us.

Larry Morrill-Larry loved the game and started as an infielder (third base). Upon Mike Knox's graduation it became Larry's job to handle Gary Chase and Nelson Perry behind the plate. He became a fine receiver and leader, having had to fill big shoes. He was a better than average hitter and would play at the drop of a hat, as would all of his teammates.

Peter Meulendyke-Peter was better known for basketball and didn't play much baseball, where he pitched, one day hitting a pair of homers to aid his own cause. A lanky boy, Peter had a good fastball and fine control. I don't remember much of his glove.

Jerome Chase-While not the best fielder, Jerome had powerful wrists and could hit the ball out of any park. He had a fine arm and good speed on the base paths. Jerome hit from the right side and might have become a switch hitter with time. He often hit left-handed in sandlot games. Jerome is no longer with us. Another Railroader is gone.

Ronnie Harris-Ron was a fine slugging first baseman of the early 60s, who fielded his position well. While not known for his speed, he was an intelligent base runner and a leader type on the field.

David Brown-David was a fleet-footed centerfielder, who covered much territory and had a fine arm to go along with Gerald Kirby and Chicky Clark in the outfield in the mid-60s. A line-drive hitting lefty, David could hit the long one and occasionally did.

Chicky Clark-Perhaps the most powerful teammate I ever had, Chicky was a threat to go deep and hated to leave the batting cage during batting practice. He was an adequate outfielder and had a fine arm, with average speed, and was very competitive. Chick, too, is gone

DOG DAYS AT P.A.W.S.

By Valerie Robertson



This nice guy was found wandering on Pearl Street in Milo and someone must be missing him! He has a black nylon collar and a black bandana around his neck. He was first noticed on Saturday evening, October 23. If he is yours or you know whom he belongs to, call Val at 943-2324.

This next lady is Kierra. She was going to be shot so Katie took her to save her life. Her owner was relocated because of work. She is very well behaved, gets along perfectly with dogs, kids, and cats. She is a Pit-Bull so if you would like a loveable indoor dog, please make sure your homeowners or rental insurer allows them. So often these dogs are killed merely because of their breed, so before getting any puppy, make sure you can keep it where you live.

Kierra is spayed and would make a wonderful pet for anyone.

And last but not least, we have Cheyanne. She is a Siberian female who has been spayed. She is 8 years old, but still has the energy of a puppy and uses it to find ways to get out of a pen. She is a housedog and is perfectly happy to lie inside and be petted. She likes to run (as do most Huskies), so she would need a special yard where she could be hooked or have a



tight fence to contain her. She is a very loving and sweet

We also have a few kittens available for adoption and a great selection of young adult cats looking for a home. The little girl in the picture is Snowbelle and she and her sister are available to the right homes. Give Julie a call at 943-5083 for more information.

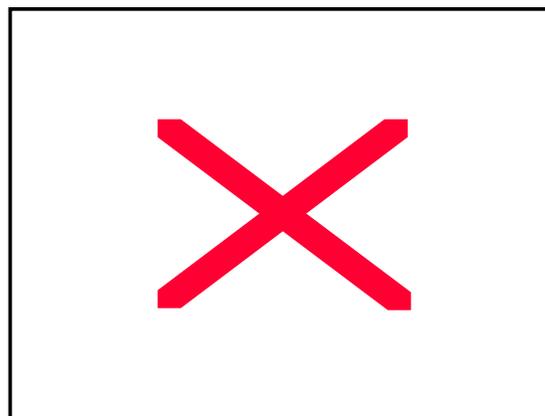
Now as for the Robertson house, we also have a new member. Lucy was roaming around Lakeview and as the weather got colder the residents became concerned about her. I received a lot of calls before she was finally at a place where I could net her. She has adapted nicely to farm life, and even takes her turn in the 100-gallon tank the ducks use as a pond. She is a cute addition to the fowl and her honking is an unusual addition to the sounds around our yard. She is a bit aggressive and protective of her "space" and comes at the dogs hissing if they get a bit too close. When you have over 50 animals living at one residence, they have to learn what is their space, protect it, and keep out of the space of others. What is left over is for Kirby and me.

To the Editor:

I WILL VOTE FOR PAUL DAVIS TO REPRESENT PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

Members of the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club of Milo and Brownville listened to Senator Stephen Stanley on 10/13/04 and Senate Minority Leader Paul Davis on 10/20/04. Stanley and Davis are running for the District 27 Senatorial Seat, which includes Piscataquis County. Anyone listening to both Senators would, I am sure, have no doubt in their minds as to which individual would better represent the citizens of Piscataquis County.

Senator Stanley, co-Chair of the Legislative Taxation Committee in charge of Tax Reform, was asked why his committee on reforming the state's tax structure has made no progress. After "dancing" around the question without answering, the questioner



then suggested that the leadership of both parties along with the Governor's office be brought together to work on taxes. Stanley replied: "It is not my job to bring them together." Well, Senator, whose job is it to get the parties together? Will we ever have Tax Reform or will there be more Palesky endeavors "down the road"? Is someone afraid they will "lose control" while Maine citizens continue to be over taxed in a state with the 2nd highest tax burden in the nation?

Senator Stanley also noted all that he has done for the economy of Piscataquis County. Would the Senator please explain what economic benefit Piscataquis County would derive from his bill in the last session to "REROUTE the Katahdin Tourist Trail away from Rt. 11 which goes through Dover-Foxcroft, Milo and Brownville? His bill instead routes tourists up I-95 to Medway. This bill would also divert tourists away from the Moosehead Trail, since both trails begin at Newport. Stanley's bill would have tourists "by-pass" Newport and just keep going up I-95 to Medway. Again Senator Stanley, how would that benefit Piscataquis County?

Senator Davis answered the inevitable question on Tax Reform very directly and indicated that his Party (R's) would have probably agreed to add a "cent" to the sales tax if Stanley's party (D's) would agree to use the additional funds for the "property tax relief" ONLY. They would not. Will the Majority party ever reign-in the spending? Senator Davis imparted a very sincere attitude towards representing all citizens of Piscataquis County, regardless of Party.

I will, without hesitation, vote for Senator Paul Davis to represent our County of Piscataquis.

Eben G. DeWitt
 County Commissioner
 Milo, Maine
 943-2486

Editors Note: I whole-heartedly agree. I think Mr. Davis is one of the most sincere, honest caring people I have ever met. I always vote based on a person's character and intelligence, and Paul Davis ranks high for both.

Kiwanian Val Robertson and principal Chris Beres awarded Terrific Kid Certificates to **Harmony Pierce, J.D. Hammond and Billy Parker** at our October 22 assembly. Ms. Ivy said that Harmony tries very hard every day. She has been doing



AREA SCHOOL NEWS

LET FREEDOM RING!!



Milo Elementary School will be honoring all local veterans on Friday, November 5th, at our weekly assembly. We cordially invite all veterans and their families to attend this assembly. It will begin at 8:30 A.M. and will last between 30 and 45 minutes. If you are a veteran please come and be our special guest. We are proud of our country and our veterans and want to

show our appreciation for your service to our country.



COOK SCHOOL NEWS

The Marion C. Cook School held a Teddy Bear Picnic in conjunction with our latest Reading Is Fundamental book distribution. Each student chose a book to keep this week. We gathered in the gym on Friday afternoon and sang, "Teddy Bear Picnic." Students shared their books with their favorite stuffed animal and with other friends in the school. It was a wonderful reading celebration. Thank you Kiwanis for supporting our RIF program.

an awesome job in writing. Harmony follows the rules, listens and always pays attention.

Mrs. Carter congratulated J.D. for having an outstanding week. He took a lot of ribbing because he is a Yankee fan. J.D. remembered his homework and planner every day this week. He has been working hard and is learning to be a tap dancer. Miss K said that Billy is a responsible student. He works hard independently and is very quiet. Billy also has wears some very neat cowboy boots.

Bus Awards were presented to Michaela Noke, Ryan Eyler and Elsie Audibert.

We celebrated the birthdays of Shae Grant, Justin Moulton, Codie Donlon, Billy Parker, Trevor Lyford, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Marchant.

The teachers introduced new students Jonathan Harrington, Joshua Leighton, Harley Moors, Kendra Cross and Lauren Crocker.

We closed the assembly with our school song. Our assemblies are held Friday at 10:50.

Mark Your Calendars Now!
Annual LaGrange PTO
Turkey Supper
Saturday, November
20th5- 7 PM.



FROM BROWNVILLE:

The Brownville 5th grade yard sale was very successful this past Saturday. The parents and students raised over \$550 towards their trip to Boston in May. Several local citizens made donations, which the class greatly appreciates. Their next fundraiser will be a bottle drive on Nov. 6 and a craft/food table at the Alumni Craft Fair in Brownville Jct. on Nov. 13. Any donations of craft items would also be appreciated.



Brownville Terrific Kids are nestled in a pumpkin patch. The students are: **Melissa Weston** and **James Baker-Gerrish** in the front row; **Caitlyn Durant**, **Jessica Clement**, **Derek Robinson**, and **Zena Baker** in the middle; and **Josh Bessey** on the top row.

Congratulations to all of Brownville's Terrific Kids and thank you to all of the clever students and parents who brought jack-o-lanterns for our Open House display on October 21st.



Red Sox fever is in full swing at Brownville Elementary. Here, **Anthony Murano** models his homemade Red Sox shirt!

MOTOCROSS NEWS

In the center is Trevor Lyford who finished in 2nd place for the Spring Series and the Fall Series in the Maine Motocross Dirtbike Series. Skowhegan held a fun day on Oct. 17th with father/son races and handed out all the trophies at the end of the day. Dillon Lalime is beside Trevor and finished 3rd place overall for the season.

Kyle Foss finished in 2nd place overall for the fall series in the 85B class. Justin Artus finished 4th overall in the 85C class. Justin Morrill finished 3rd place in the 125 class. Dustin Bishop finished 1st in the 250 Novice class with Luke Landry right behind him finishing 2nd overall in the 250 Novice class. Great job guys.....

MILO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Judith Macdougall



Wednesday was a busy day for us at the library. Soon after we opened Val came into the library with Murrel Harris, the president of the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club. Murrel presented the library with four new juvenile animal books as Val took a picture of Murrel and me. The Kiwanis had given Val money to purchase these books in order to heighten children's awareness toward animal care. The books have received the 2003 Henry Bergh Children's Book Award by the ASPCA. The books are Freckles by Paul M. Howey, Seldovia Sam and the Sea Otter Rescue by Susan Woodward Springer, Swan Song by J. Patrick Lewis and Working Like a Dog by Gena R. Gorrell. They will be a wonderful addition to our collection. Our thanks to Val and the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club.

School is back in session and the Kiwanis Kids Korner had their regular Wednesday meeting. There were 28 children and 7 adults. There were the regulars, Val, Don, Dottie, Frank and this week two Mormon Elders-Andrew Woodruff and David Wade who came to help. Murrel Harris, as a special guest, also stayed to visit with the "Kids". The children enjoyed their refreshments-juice boxes and crackers with cheese or peanut butter. While they were eating, Val read an e-mail letter from Matt Pokrywka, who is in Mali in the Peace Corps. Val had pictures taken of all the "Kids, and they each made a card to send to Matt. Val plans to have the "Kids" do more for Matt and his Mali children. A great way to expand our "Kids" knowledge of other lands and of how they can make a difference.

This week I received two preview boxes of books. I could not even remember agreeing to have the Gareth Stevens box sent. I must have said "Yes" last spring knowing that in the fall the summer reading program would be over, things would be all calmed down and I would have time to look them over. HA! Not remembering I already had one preview box coming, I said, "Yes" to Penworthy Books. Now I have two preview boxes of juvenile books waiting to be opened, new books selected from them, and then the leftover books sealed up and sent back. I always wonder why I agree to have preview books as they are a responsibility, but when I open the boxes and see the wonderful new and exciting children's books, I know why.

We have posters and reading certificates left over from the summer reading program. If you have not picked yours up and would like them, please come in by November 15, as we will be discarding them at that time. We still have posters for Colin and Tristen Beckett, Camille Cramer, Aaron and Ashley Goodine, Kendra Herbest, Haley and Mackenzie Morel and April Morgan. We have reading

certificates for Heaven and Melvin Ames, Lanie Badger, Emma Taylor and Morgana Vick.

On Monday November 1st Melissa Hill will have her second Preschool Story/Craft Hour. It will be held from 1:30-2:30 here at the library. The children had a wonderful time at the October meeting. Why not bring your preschooler to share the fun this coming week. Caregivers are expected to stay. If there are any questions, please call Melissa at 943-2791.

Library Winter Hours
Mon.-Weds. -Fri.---2:00-8:00
Saturday 2:00-4:00
Tel. 943-2612

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MILO

No vehicle shall be parked or left standing on any street in Milo between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00AM of each day during the period from November 1, 2004 to April 1, 2005. Any vehicle so parked at any time on any public street or way so as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow from said street or way, may at the direction of the Milo Police Department, be removed at the owner's expense. Neither the Town nor the Officer shall be liable for any damage that may be caused by such removal.

Jane S. Jones
 Town Manager

RAFFLE RESULTS

P.E.T.S. congratulates Scott Davis of Sangerville on his winning of the handsome quilt made by Cookie Farrar of Brownville. Cookie chose the pattern *Threads from the Heartland* and Vicki Brackett of *Quilting Mania* chose "Continuous Swirls" to apply machine quilting. Both women generously donated their time and talents to benefit the P.E.T.S. program. The benefit quilt raffle raised \$400. P.E.T.S. an all-volunteer, non-profit organization is devoted to reducing the over-population of companion animals through spaying and neutering.

MY TRIP OF A LIFETIME

BY JUDY MORRISON

I apologize for not getting something to you sooner for all of my fans and groupies who have been asking about the Dallas Adventure! My traveling Buddy, Paul Nedeau and I spent 5 fairy tale days and 4 nights at the fabulous Gaylord Texan Resort in Dallas hosted by the Cumulus Broadcasting System.

Thirty-Seven contest winners and their guests were entertained at a private concert with Blake Shelton, (O BABY fame) Dusty Gray and Jedd Hughes. We were also treated to a live performance by Mark Chestnut at the Famous Dallas Gilley's where-YES! I DID RIDE THE BULL and managed, through sheer terror, to stay astride for the allotted time. We met and greeted the artist (who are the warmest most friendly people you could imagine) Mark Chestnut (BUBBA SHOT THE JUKEBOX) was releasing his new CD on the same night and we all got an autographed copy! I won this adventure of a live time at the Q106.5 radio station. More photos are currently being displayed on their



web site. Thank you all for your well wishes and kind comments > We didn't win the 5 million, but you can BET YOUR COWBOY (OR COWGIRL BOOTS) we had 5 million dollars worth of fun and then some!!!! GOD BLESS TEXAS!!! (BUT MAINE IS STILL THE WAY LIFE SHOULD BE!!!)

The Milo District Schools

By Lloyd J. Treworgy
Continued Part XXXI

Milo High School Breeze

Having quoted frequently from the old issues of the High School Breeze, I think this story would be incomplete without a few words about the early issues of that paper.

The Breeze apparently had its origin in 1897, (since this was written we have been given copies of the pages of an 1896 Breeze), for the "Christmas Number" of 1898, carried this statistic: Vol. 2, No. 1.

The Christmas number, 1898 is in the files of the Milo Historical Society.

That issue carried the following revealing statement; "About the future of our paper: we hope to continue it and to do so we must have subscriptions. We shall charge 25 cents a year or ten cents a copy. We sold our first paper (note the singular) for 5 cents a copy, THAT WE MIGHT INTRODUCE OURSELVES, (Capitals mine), but from now on we shall charge 10 cents."

This same issue proposed in an editorial, to make the Breeze a weekly sheet if the townspeople wished.

"A weekly paper here, run on a small scale," it noted, "will help build up the town and perhaps bring in here industries that will pay a large percentage to those who invest."

On that subject of industry, the town is still indulging in the same blessed hope as did the Breeze staff in 1898.

The 1901 Breeze mentioned the old building that stood, first as a Church and later rebuild as a tenement, nearly on the site of Mrs. Ruth Daggett's residence of today:

"Why isn't the old Church which adorns (?) (that's the way they put it) the corner of the yard, bought and fitted up for a gymnasium and school hall?"

That old building, which was later made into a livable, tow-story tenement, must have been deserted for some time and must have become quite dilapidated at the time this rather

contemptuous editorial was written. Anyone, by the way, who wished to know what the old Church looked like can see by consulting the Historical Society's 1896 map, which shows it as a small, one-story building, quite unmistakably a Church.

And the 1910 Breeze related the speed with which an athletic facility was constructed and made ready in that day before ecology, pollution and environmental impact had become common words in the everyday vocabulary of Milo residents;

"Early in the spring of 1909," the article read, "feeling the need of a tennis court, the boys went to work one afternoon, which Prof. Pratt had kindly given them, and in a few hours had a good bottom of ashes laid. Then clay was hauled and rolled until very hard. A man was then hired to build the backstop and money was raised by subscription to buy a net. On the whole we think the court has been enjoyed very much by a certain few of the school."

CONSOLIDATION

The district schools lived to a venerable old age before consolidation was effected and managed, even on their deathbed, to meet their end with several quite healthy kicks. It was economics, together with the feeling that "bigger means better," that finally did them in. And who could deny them an honorable and dignified obituary?

To note the first symptom of the disease that was to end in consolidation, we must go back to 1885 when the town "paid Frank Hobbs for carrying scholars, ten dollars." Where he carried them we don't know. But the word "distance" had made itself heard and the town had spent ten dollars to bridge it. This was the first mention of payment for transportation that I ran across in the records. Two years later there was a second entry: "Paid Edward Ricker, for carrying scholars, ten dollars."

In 1886, the ghost of consolidation stirred again in an article at the town meeting, which proposed "to build one schoolhouse, east of Pleasant River to accommodate the scholars in districts 2, 4, and 6." The article was voted down.

The next year, 1887, the Drake district was in trouble financially and the town voted to pay its school debt – apparently money owed to Willie E. Kinney "for teaching in district 8, winter of 1885 – to wit: \$5.50 per week, including his board and interest on same from time said bill was due."

At the same meeting, voters passed over an article proposing "to receive what were district 8 scholars into the village district, if District 8 so requests."

There was still a deep determination to keep the districts autonomous and operating on their own. The ghost of the future, however, was moving, never again to be permanently laid.

Four years later, in 1891, Supervisor I.G. Mayo called attention, somewhat gloomily, in his annual report, to the fact that "in four of the districts, there has been an attendance of less than nine pupils." "Pupils," instead of "scholars," was beginning to become good usage.

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathy Witham

I can barely stand the pressure. The Red Sox and the Yankees are playing game number seven as we speak. I've felt kind of punky the last couple of days and so have begged off joining my husband in front of our television set. I just don't know why we do this to ourselves year after year. Why do people put themselves through this torture? I suppose, there is always the chance that they'll win - get in the World Series - and actually win it. Well, just so you know, I won't be holding my breath.

Have I mentioned the little unexplained stain on my kitchen ceiling? Oh yes, there's a spot about the size of a hotdog in a bun. It wasn't quite that big when we first noticed it...but the spot has gotten bigger. Fortunately, it has stopped growing and now it is actually fading a bit. What could it be?

There are some who say that water has somehow come in and run to that particular spot in the middle of my kitchen ceiling and dripped there making the spot. I think not. I think, and this really grosses me out, that it's the stain left by the decaying of a dead mouse on that very spot above my kitchen. We've trapped an inordinate number of mice this summer and fall and I believe this is one that missed the fate of the trap...but died anyway...right above our heads.

How long would you be able to smell a decaying mouse? I don't recall that we've had an unexplained horrible smell recently. Could the really bad smell have coincided with us being at camp for a few days? Anything's possible. In any case, it's on the retiree's honey-do list. Not to examine the ceiling, just to paint it or do something to cover that stupid hot-dog looking stain.

Speaking of honey-do lists, my husband's is growing by leaps and bounds. There are lots of jobs that I've just always done because I never figured that he could do them to suit me. One of those jobs is cleaning out, and painting, the inside of our bathroom linen closet. I'm rethinking how I feel about his competence in this matter. The more times I open that door and shudder at what it looks like inside, the more qualified I think he would be to give it a good spiffing up.

We've got some big jobs on the list, too. Like the cellar way - heck, the whole cellar for that matter! Then there is the laundry room. The last time the room was done over was in 1955. It's way beyond time for a change. This isn't going to be an easy remodel, either. There is just about 9 square feet of floor space in that room....not counting the space under the washer/dryer and toilet. Everything will have to come out and go somewhere else while the room is being worked on. Where could I store a washer and dryer where they wouldn't be in the way? If you ride by and spy them on my porch....no, they aren't for sale.

Uh-oh, Johnny Damon just got called out running from second base to home. And...just as quick as that Ortiz hit a home run and two people scored. So the score is 2 Red Sox, 0 Yankees. The retiree is having a huge bird and thinks that Terry Francona ought to walk right out on the field and fire the third base coach right on the spot.

Anyway, there's four cord of wood that needs to be cut up and split and thrown down into the wood room, banking to be put on the house, a garage roof that needs some reshingling, and the list goes on and on. Couple these jobs with keeping the house ship-shape and supper on the table each night and I think you'll find my retiree job searching in a very few weeks. He'll make some fortunate company a good employee. He told them at the railroad that he knew he was leaving them to work for the hardest boss he knew.....that would be me. They all snickered, but it was probably very close to the truth. No rest for the weary around here.

Last week I promised you two wonderful recipes. Here they are:

Frosted Apple Squares

Grease and flour a sheet cake pan. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2 cups sugar
1 1/2 half scant cups cooking oil
1 tsp. vanilla
3 cups flour
1 tsp. soda
1 tsp. salt
3 cups diced peeled apples

1/2 cups nuts (walnuts or pecans)

3/4 cups coconut

Mix sugar and oil, beat in eggs and the rest of the ingredients. Spread ingredients in the prepared pan and bake for 25-40 minutes. Test for doneness. Cool and frost

Frosting:

1 large cream cheese (1/3 less fat works)

1 package confectioners sugar

2 tbs. butter

vanilla & salt

Cream together with beater and thin with a little milk if it is too stiff.

Mexican Dip

Spray a pie dish with cooking spray and spread an 8 oz. package of softened cream cheese in the bottom of the dish.

Mix together:

1 can Hormel Chunky Chili with Beans - if you can't find the Hormel...use Campbell's or some other brand.

1 small can sliced black olives

1 medium onion, chopped

1/2-cup mild or medium picante sauce

1/4 cup chopped green chilies

Layer the mixture on top of the cream cheese. Then sprinkle an 8 oz. package of Mexican cheese on top of the mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with Tortilla chips. If the dip cools off, you can zap it in the microwave to warm it through again....it's out of this world when hot.

BONKO

November 6

**BJHS Alumni Hall at 7:00pm.
Bring a snack for the "Grazing Table"**

Response to "Memories of a Brownville Jct. Railroader" by Bill Sawtell (10/18/04)

In Bill Sawtell's article "Memories of a Brownville Jct. Railroader", Bill remembered a great bunch of ball players. The only thing wrong is the date 1958. I believe these players were from another era.

Maybe the 1958-year is a typo. Please don't get me wrong; those mentioned were excellent ball players. But they were not on the 1958 team, I know because I was on that team. We won ten games that spring (10-0). I was one of the pitchers, the guy Bill refers to as the guy who couldn't "break a pane of glass" Tom Wallace.

Here is the 1958 line up:

Catcher: Mike Knox - probably one of the best, if not the best catcher of that era.

1st Base: Steve Knox - Left handed hitter who could hit a ball very good.

2nd Base: The Late Jim Rosebush - who when fielding a ball at second base would throw a curve to Steve at first, making it harder to keep one foot on the bag.

Short Stop: The Late Harold "Sonny" Cobb - Not only was he a great fielder he was a great power hitter also.

3rd Base: Ron Davis - Ron was not known for his bat, but he had a very strong arm and fielded very well.

Our Pitchers were Tom Durant, the late Nelson Perry, and my self, Tom Wallace. I can't remember if the late Garry Chase was the other one. Both Garry and Nelson were very good

pitchers. Then Tom Durant, who had a wicked fastball, often a little wild. But he pitched a no hitter at Dexter. I was noted as a control pitcher with a great curve ball.

Later a great bunch of players came along and won all eight of their games. Possibly some of the players that Bill mentioned, along with the Kirby boys... Wayne and Gerald.

I always told some of the later players that we won ten games; they won only eight. But in reality they could have won 20 games, they were that good!

Thank you, Tom (couldn't break a pane) Wallace

The Town Crier

March 5, 1964

Principal Kenneth N. Perry has announced that Wayne Scott Decker, Frederecka Wiley, and Brenda Fisher will represent Milo High School in the Penquis League Spelling Bee on March 10th.

The Milo High School Spelling Bee was held Monday with two representatives from each English class. Those participating were Pamela Buttery, Brenda Fisher, Timothy Morrill and Sidney Bubar, Seniors: Wayne Scott Decker, Nancy Sharrow, Darla Perry, Sheila Russell, Michael Perham, and Willis Lancaster, Juniors: Gary Chadbourne, Brenda Carey, Diana Douglass, George Garcia, Sophomores: Kendall Lord, James Degestrom, Carolyn Marks, Willard Sawyer, Paul Bunker, and Linda Day, Freshmen: Judges were Edwin Treworgy, Leonard Nilson, and Richard Hawes of the English Department.

Mrs. Arthur Munson pronounced the words and was in charge of the arrangements.

HELP STUDENTS IN YOUR AREA GET BACK ON TRACK THROUGH SERVICE!

Penquis Valley High School and Middle School have recently begun utilizing a program for suspended or expelled students called Back On Track. This is a program run by the Penquis Dispute Resolution Center of Penquis C.A.P. It is funded by a grant from the Department of Education. As part of the program, students who have accumulated five days or more of suspension will be asked to participate in mediation. At the mediation the student, their family, and a school official come together with a trained mediator to discuss the events and behaviors that led to the student's suspension. Participants are given the opportunity to express how those behaviors affect other students, staff, and the school environment. At the mediation, a community service project is determined and the student will perform this service as a way to give back to the community and school. Students have volunteered at children's museums, cleaned local parks, and created educational posters for their schools. The Back On Track program then works with the student and their family to help connect them with any support services needed to help get the student back on the track to success.

The Back On Track program is currently looking for service projects in the Milo area. These projects could be performed to benefit a church, area non-profit, school, or elderly neighbor. If you know of or are involved in an organization that could utilize student volunteers please contact Beth Dyer or Melinda Harris at **1-888-497-3500**.

BACK ALONG WEATHER

From Grammie's diary

OCTOBER 1978

25-M sunny-53° at 4 pm.

26-Rain in night and evening-54° at 12.

27-Fair-44° at 7 am.

28-Fair rain in evening-42° at 10 pm.

29-Mostly sunny-40° at 8:30 am.

30-Sunny windy-38° at 12.

31-Sunny windy am mostly cloudy pm-30° at 9 pm.

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS NEWS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meets at The Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30. All are welcome to join us as a guest or potential member!

OCTOBER 20 MEETING MINUTES

President Murrel Harris welcomed nineteen members and eight guests from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, including newly installed president, Brenda Kelly. Roy Bither led the flag salute and Herb Dunham gave a meaningful prayer. The inspirational reading was by Don Harris, "A Tender Warrior" by Stu Weber. It is a story describing a young boy, living in a home with an absent father and a tyrannical stepfather. When asked to write an essay "What is a man?" the young man, although he had never seen it modeled, was able to write that a real man is caring, kind, honest and sticks to his word and keeps his promises.

Correspondence from the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, the newsletter, Dateline Dover, was passed around for all to read.

Don Harris presented two checks from the American Legion Post # 41 in Milo to President Murrel Harris. A check for \$ 100.00 was presented to the Key Club, graciously accepted by Trish Hayes and President Murrel Harris accepted a \$100.00 donation to the Three Rivers Kiwanis, with many thanks.

An anniversary for Chris and Sue Almy on October 21 and a happy birthday to Edie Miles on October 26.

Twenty happy and sad dollars were donated today for Red Sox winning, for upcoming trip to Hawaii, for the donation from The American Legion Post # 41, for getting a moose, several for may the best team win, Red Sox Jinx and "whose you're pappy", for gift for Val, patient turning the corner, and more dollars for Merna and more for the Red Sox.

Chris Beres reports that Terrific Kids assembly will be held this week as usual. Val reports that the Kiwanis Kids Korner resumed on Wednesday afternoon at the library, after vacation last week. Trish Hayes reports that Key Club went to Corinna to the Corn Maze on Thursday of last week. Trips to Manna will start soon and that the Key Club will be collecting Coats for Kids.

Val reports that all is well with The Three Rivers News.

On October 20th Guilford Kiwanis will be installing their officers with several Kiwanians from here attending, and on October 21 Old Town/Orono Kiwanis will have a Charter Night for K-Kids, installing the first in the state of Maine K-Kids. Congratulations to Old/Town/Orono Kiwanis on this achievement.

Joe Zamboni reported that the gazebo is on budget. Joe stated that the crew would need a good turnout as they try to finish up the roof rafters and place the tarpaper in preparation for winter. Looking toward a 2005 Memorial Day Week-end dedication.

Val and helpers will be in charge of the Veteran's Day Dinner at the Milo Town Hall. Some help will be needed from Kiwanians for preparing the dinner.

Evergreen will be at the Milo Town Hall on October 23. Several Kiwanians will help in setting up for the event. Prepare for a great evening of music.

A Board Meeting was held on October 14, 2004. Resignations with regret were accepted from Sylvia Black and David Harmon. It was voted to purchase a new stepladder for Doug Warren, to replace the stepladder that was destroyed by a certain member of the Kiwanian crew while at work at the gazebo site. It was also voted to give a \$1000.00 to the PAWS project in honor of Val Robertson.

Joe told us that we need to be looking for a storage site for auction items, as the Maine Savings building is no longer available.

Eben DeWitt introduced our speaker today, Senator Paul Davis of Sangerville. Senator Davis spoke of things to consider this fall as we go to the voting booths, such as the Bear Referendum. He told us that Fish and Game are doing a good job of controlling the bear population as well as moose, deer and turkey population. They

know what to do. He also spoke of the Palesky Tax Cap proposal as a measure to reduce taxes. Sen. Davis views the Palesky Tax Cap proposal as a failure of the Legislation to provide needed tax relief. Need to get control of spending in Augusta. Palesky will hurt the economy and cause disruption. Government must get together for the good of the people. People can work together. We need to change. Three Rivers Kiwanis thanked Senator Paul Davis for speaking to us today.

Speaker for next week is Penny Drinkwater from SOAR.
Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, Secretary

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2!

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY SAMPLE BALLOT

Referendum Election, November 2, 2004

YES NO

Do you favor authorizing the Piscataquis County Commissioner to issue general obligation bonds or notes in the name of Piscataquis County in the principal amount not to exceed \$952,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds to be used for the purpose of county development, and to assist in the creation or preservation of new or existing employment opportunities for the residents of Piscataquis, through allocation of funds to the following projects:

- a) Expansion of the Greenville Industrial Park \$131,000.00
- b) Completion of the Composites Incubator building in the Greenville Industrial Park \$150,000.00
- c) Water line extension related to the Pleasant River Lumber Co. expansion in Dover-Foxcroft \$400,000.00
- d) Purchase and/or development of land for the Eastern Piscataquis Industrial Park by the towns of Brownville and Milo \$271,000.00

STATE OF MAINE SAMPLE BALLOT

General Election, November 2, 2004

For Atkinson, Lake View Plt., Medford, Milo, Orneville Twp.

President and Vice President of the United States

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| Libertarian - Badnarik, Michael and Campagna, Richard | Austin, TX | Iowa City, IA |
| Republican - Bush, George W. and Cheney, Dick | Crawford, TX | Wilson, WY |
| Green Independent - Cobb, David and LaMarche, Patricia | Eureka, CA | Yarmouth, ME |
| Democrat - Kerry, John F. and Edwards, John | Boston, MA | Raleigh, NC |
| The Better Life - Nader, Ralph and Camejo, Peter Miguel | Winstead, CT | Folsom, CA |
| Constitution Party - Peroutka, Michael Anthony and Baldwin, Chuck | Millersville, MD | Pensacola, FL |

Representative to Congress District 2

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| Socialist Equality Party - Cooley, Carl | Jackson |
| Republican - Hamel, Brian N. | Presque Isle |
| Democrat - Michaud, Michael H. | East Millinocket |

State Senator District 27

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| Republican - Davis, Paul T., Sr. | Sangerville |
| Democrat - Stanley, Stephen S. | Medway |

Representative to the Legislature District 26

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| Republican - Annis, James D. | Dover-Foxcroft |
| Democrat - Deer Fox, Mary L. | Dover-Foxcroft |

Judge of Probate

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| Republican - Smith, Douglas M. | Dover-Foxcroft |
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County Commissioner District 3

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| Democrat - Green, Dennis W. | Brownville |
| Republican - Trask, Frederick Y. | Lake View Plantation |

STATE OF MAINE SAMPLE BALLOT

Referendum Election, November 2, 2004

Question 1: Citizen Initiative

YES NO

Do you want to limit property taxes to 1% of the assessed value of the property?

Question 2: Citizen Initiative

YES NO

Do you want to make it a crime to hunt bears with bait, traps or dogs, except to protect property, public safety or for research?

"TOM"

Missing from 16 High Street for almost two weeks. He is about 2 1/2-years old and is a black and white Bobtail cat. He is neutered and has a small white vest, four white paws, white whiskers, and has no front claws. PLEASE call Mrs. Gertrude Johnston at 943-2618 if you have seen or know where Tom is! THANK YOU.

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS WILL BE HONORING VETERANS AT THE FOURTH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY DINNER.

All current and retired servicepeople and their guests are urged to attend.

November 11, 2004 at the Milo Town Hall at noon.

Call 943-7326 to make your reservations.

