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THE RIGHTS THEY PROTECT...VOTE ON TUESDAY !!!!

Public Baked Bean 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.



**Mark Your Calendars Now!
Annual LaGrange PTO Turkey
Supper Saturday, November
20th, from 5- 7 PM.**



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THANK YOU...FOR SUPPORTING OUR TROOPS!

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

FALL RABIES CLINIC THIS SATURDAY!!

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.

BONKO

**November 6 at the
BJHS Alumni Hall at 7:00pm.
Bring a snack for the "Grazing Table"**

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



**All current and retired
service people and their guests are urged to attend.**

**The turkey dinner
with all the fixings will be held
November 11, 2004**

at the Milo Town Hall at noon.

Call 943-7326 to make your reservations.

HELP TO HONOR A HERO



The American Legion on Main Street in Milo will be the location of a reception to honor and thank a local hero. Keith Dawson just returned from a 7-month tour or duty in Iraq, where he was wounded in a roadside bombing. He is the recipient of two Purple Hearts.

Keith is the son-in-law of Valerie and Kenny Cowing of Charles Street in Milo. He is married to their daughter Abby and is originally from Guilford.

The reception is being held on November 6 at the American Legion Post 41 from 2PM-4PM. A motorcade will form at 1:30PM at the JSI parking lot and escort Keith and family to the Legion Hall.

Other organizations are helping with the refreshments, including the Methodist Women's group. What a splendid way to show your "Veteran's Day" spirit, by showing up to say welcome home and thank-you!

If you have any questions, call Valerie Cowing at 943-2800. As a side note, Valerie and Kenny's house did NOT burn, but a neighboring house, the Dean residence, did have a fire.

URGENT NEED AT P.A.W.S

BY VALERIE ROBERTSON AND JULIE GALLAGHER

P.A.W.S, your local animal shelter, is involved in an extensive project and we need your help!! We have begun trapping and housing what we believe in the last feral cat

MAKE A SOLDIERS CHRISTMAS

colony in our area. Since Thursday, October 28, we have added 20 cats to our already large animal population at the shelter. What is most exciting is that 14 of those were females and we already have appointments to get some of them neutered. Imagine-if they had been left where they were we would be looking at least 75 more kittens in the next few months!!

As you can imagine, we are thrilled at getting these kitties from Brownville inside, safe and neutered, but as you can also imagine, it is a huge amount of work and care. We have increased our population at the shelter by more than a third in less than a week!! We are using tons of cat food, kitty litter, paper towels, flea treatments, medicine and cleaning supplies. And we are exhausted to boot!

We also have our largest dog population ever being cared for by P.A.W.S.-4 large-sized full-grown dogs that consume a lot of food and time.

What we would like to ask of the public is to show your support and help us get through this hectic time. We would love to have extra kitty litter, small cans of Friskies Kal Kan, or 9-Lives cat food, Purina Cat Chow, Iams Kitten food, Purina Dog Food, and paper towels. These items can be left in the donation center at the Milo Farmer's Union, or dropped off on the porch at P.A.W.S. Or you can help out by dropping off a few extra dollars in the collection cans at the Milo Farmer's Union, or by taking your empty cans and bottles to Three Rivers Redemption and telling Mike and the boys to put the money in the P.A.W.S. account. Last week, P.A.W.S. was the winner of Mike's \$20 drawing, so writing P.A.W.S. on your entry slip is also a way to help. If you would like to mail a donation, send it to P.A.W.S., in care of Valerie Robertson, PO Box 81, Milo, Maine 04463.

Another way to help is to remember to vote "NO" on the Palesky question. If this measure were to pass we would lose our status with the Town of Milo, and make our job of reducing the stray animal population in our area almost impossible.

Residents of Church St. in Brownville (or anywhere) must be on the lookout for people dropping of unwanted cats and report any such action to the Brownville Town Office. *It is against the law to abandon a domestic animal.*

Another very important way to help is to have your pet spayed or neutered. Believe us...there are plenty of dogs and cats without letting more be born.

And last but not least, if you have been considering getting a new member for the family, now is the time! We have kittens in need of a home, and once they are adopted it would free up another room for the other strays. As you know, we don't use cages to house our guests, so in order for us to have enough rooms for the new additions it would help to move along the healthy, friendly, beautiful kittens and dogs.

Thanks for reading this and thanks in advance for your help. I know it seems as if we are always begging, but we all do as much as we can to raise money also. Next weekend we are going to Bangor to sell cookbooks, cutting boards and candies at the Airport Mall Craft Fair. We are also going to sell at the two area fairs, so keep a cookbook in mind for that hard-to-buy-for person on your Christmas list. We are also planning a New Years Eve extravaganza at the Alumni Building in Brownville-so we are trying our best to help ourselves, but we only have so much time to devote to fundraising.

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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!

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Letters to the editor, social news, school news, items of interest, or coming social events may be submitted NO LATER THAN FRIDAY NOON to the following addresses:

Valerie Robertson, PO Box 81, Milo, Maine 04463 or e-mailed to, val04463@verizon.net or call 943-2324.

Nancy Grant, 10 Belmont St. Milo, Maine 04463, e-mailed to nlg1@verizon.net or call 943-5809.

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Upcoming MSAD #41 Adult Education Class

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.

MEALS FOR ME. MENU

TUES., NOV. 2	GET OUT AND VOTE!! CHUCKWAGON BEANS, TOSSED SALAD, CORNBREAD, BLUEBERRY SHORTCAKE
WED., NOV. 3	ORANGE JUICE, TURKEY BURGER DELUXE, PASTA SALAD, PICKLED BEETS, GINGERBREAD
THUR., NOV. 4	FISH CHOWDER, COLE SLAW, BISCUIT, CHOC, CHIP COOKIE
FRI., NOV. 5	SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS, PEAS, FUDGE PUDDING CAKE
MON. NOV. 8	CHEESEBURGER DELUXE, HASH BROWNS, CONFETTI CORN, ORANGE

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.

To the Editors:

As Tom Wallace so informatively reminded TRN readers in your October 25 number, my descriptions of BJHS baseball players hasn't been as sequential as we were the descriptions of basketball players and teams.

A senior when I was in the seventh grade, Tom was a great control pitcher on one of the greatest teams we ever had at BJHS, whose lineup Tom so well characterizes in his letter.

Tom and his teammates, like Mike and Steve Knox, were gods to me. I looked up to them. And I too became a good high school baseball player, starting at third base all four years for the Railroaders.

But I looked up to Tom for another reason: I sat in the rear of his advanced math class taught by Mr. Malcolm Buchanan as a study hall student and was very impressed by Tom and his classmates in that subject. Tom got a good education at BJHS and took his studies seriously. He wasn't just a jock.

Thanks, Tom. I needed to be corrected. After 45 years, I still look up to you.
Bill Sawtell

TO THE EDITORS:

I just this morning got to read this week's edition of the paper. I see all the stuff about Sen. Paul Davis but not anything much about Sen. Steve Stanley.

Has anyone bothered to look up the voting records of these men? For instance, The Pine Tree Zones program that is going to bring jobs to this county. Sen. Davis was against it. Senator Stanley, according to Gov. Baldacci, was very instrumental in getting that program for Piscataquis County. Jobs are already being created here. The Penquis Higher Education Center was another project that Senator Stanley was instrumental in bringing to this area although at the time it wasn't his district.

Some bills and how they both voted:

LD 240 RC 148 -applied unemployment benefits to less than full time workers. Sen. Davis was opposed and Sen. Stanley voted for. There are many companies today who will not hire full time workers and when these workers are no longer needed what are they to do without this legislation.

LD 254 RC 117- Required pharmaceutical companies to disclose marketing cost of drugs. Sen. Davis voted against. Sen. Stanley voted for. This bill requires these companies to disclose how much they are paying for advertising, thus raising the cost of prescription drugs.

LD398 RC132- Required employers to report injuries to the state. Sen. Davis was against. Senator Stanley was for.

LD 1309 RC 138-Arsenic treated wood ban. Sen. Davis against, Sen. Stanley for.

LD1634 RC 168- Expand Maine RX Sen. Davis against, Sen. Stanley fo.r

LD673 RC 428- Increase states minimum wage Sen. Davis against, Sen. Stanley for.

These are just a few of the bills and anyone who wants to do the research can go to: <http://www.mainestate.gov.org> and look up any legislatures voting record.

Senator Stanley is a very hardworking man who knows what it is like to work hard with your hands and also knows what it is like to be without a job. He believes that is he there to serve the people. not the other way around because that is his job. He is always ready and willing to help with someone's problem.

I am not saying Senator Davis is a bad man. I am saying people should vote not on how popular personality wise someone is but vote after learning about things like voting records and accomplishments etc. Voters need to hear both sides of every candidate's record.

Priscilla Bass

Brownville Trivia

BY BILL SAWTELL

Choose the best answer.

1. The Stymiests came from (a) Millinocket (b) Guilford (c) Bangor (d) Howland.
2. (a) Eddie Weston (b) Jerome Chase (c) Bonnie Butterfield (d) Linda Coburn was never president of the BJHS Alumni Association.
3. The first Perry's Market was situated on (a) Front Street (b) Van Horne (c) Ryder Avenue (d) Main Street.

4.Arthur Strout's nickname was (a) "Lefty" (b) "Arty" (c) "Fats" (d) "Cool"

5. The Grange Hall stood for (a) 67 (b) 87 (c) 95 (d) 109- years.

6. Chatauquas were held in the (a) summer (b) fall (c) winter (d) spring.

7. Hezekiah May was Brownville's first (a) preacher (b) doctor (c) teacher (d) lawyer.

8. (a) Farrin Brothers and Smith (b) Bridge Construction (c) Frank Rossi and Sons (d) Hinman's straightened out Buckley's Corner in 1961.

9. Brownville High School burned to the ground (a) five (b) seven (c) nine (d) 10 years after BJHS did.

10. Rodney Ross was a (n) (a) Republican (b) Democrat (c) Independent (d) Green

Win a \$20 Gift Certificate at the Junction. Send your answers to Bill Sawtell, POB 272, Brownville, ME 04414, or email tell@kynd.net on or before Friday, November 5.

Last week no winner to Red Sox Trivia

Answers to Red Sox Trivia October 25 issue: 1-c 2-c 3-c 4-c 5-a 6-b 7-a 8-d 9-b 10-d

Answers to this week's trivia next week.

Police on the look out once again

Complaints have been coming into the police department about a Halloween Scoundrel who has absconded with candy stolen from the bags of trick-or-treaters. Little 8 yr. old Sally reported someone dressed as Mike Nelson the scuba diver from the old TV series "Sea Hunt" joined her group of trick-or-treaters on Elm Street. When she got past Elm Street she noticed her bag felt lighter. She slapped her poor friend Jack thinking he had taken her candy. Jack, stunned by her actions pointed out to her the scuba diver had his face in her bag most of the way down Elm Street. They both then noticed the scuba diver had slipped off into the darkness. A police sketch is enclosed. Please call if you have seen this character.



Tennis Tournament Results

The outdoor tennis season was wrapped up with another Great Tennis Tournament on October 17th.

The players were again blessed with good weather. Rain and wind stopped just in time to sweep the courts before the first serve and held off until the Awards Ceremony was completed. Third Place Trophies were awarded to Chris Hamlin and Scott Lee. Second Place Trophies to Jan Waterman and Jim Lubas.

First Place trophies were presented, Olympic Style, to Liza Comeau and Torrey Ellis on the raised platform.

Round robin play on Tuesdays and Sundays will continue to Halloween. Indoor tennis, for the winter months, will begin at the Bangor Tennis Center in November. For information and reservations -- Call Mary Lou Lee 965 9721.



Left to Right Front Row -- Jim Lubas, Mary Lou Lee, Jan Waterman, Torrey Ellis, Liza Comeau, Scott Lee and Chris Hamlin, Back Row -- Bob Lee, Ben Kittredge, Robin Demers, David Strout (Partially Hidden) and Tracy Hartmann.

FROM MATT IN MALI:

(Matt Pokrywka is serving in the Peace Corps in Mali, Africa. He sends us wonderful letters to inform us and entertain.)

I nice! (Hello in Bambara ee-knee-chay)

I am back in Bamako for a couple of days and have access to high speed internet and American style keyboards.... life is great:)

I had my site visit during the past week... Last Thursday 4 of us took the train to Kayes from Bamako...it took only 12 hours which from what I have heard is a very quick trip. The ride was interesting to say the least. It is pretty much a standard train, similar to the ones that I have ridden in the US and Europe, but very dirty and packed full of people. There were children sleeping in the aisles and the train would also stop about every 25 minutes so that local villagers could sell whatever food or products they had to the passengers on the train.

As the train pulled into Kayes, the sun was beginning to rise and we saw some absolutely beautiful scenery. There are huge plateaus that must stretch for a couple of miles...apparently there are lots of animals that live on the tops of these plateaus as well...really a beautiful sight.

When we got to the train station, we were transported to the Kayes stage house, which is just a house that volunteers can stay at when they need a break from site or are travelling. The house is really nice...real toilets, a shower, telephone, and TV with DVD and VHS.

On Tuesday I went to my site with another volunteer. My site is very rural and we had to bike there...30 km both ways. In a couple of months I am going to be lean and mean for sure. When we got to my site, I was pretty blown away...it is absolutely beautiful. There is a gorgeous mosque at one end and a very pretty Catholic church at the other. It is laid out in blocks, much like a city, but there are only 1500 people. I got to meet with the village chief, the mayor, the president of the women's association, and my homologue, who is a local that repairs bikes and motorcycles. He's really cool. I also got renamed...my new name is Abdoulaye Sissoco.... last names are very important in this country and the chief insisted that I take his name.

What else...my site has these huge gardens that stretch along the banks of the river...really beautiful and is what I pictured tropical Africa to be like. They have a very extensive irrigation system and grow mangoes, bananas, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, millet, watermelons...it's really sweet.

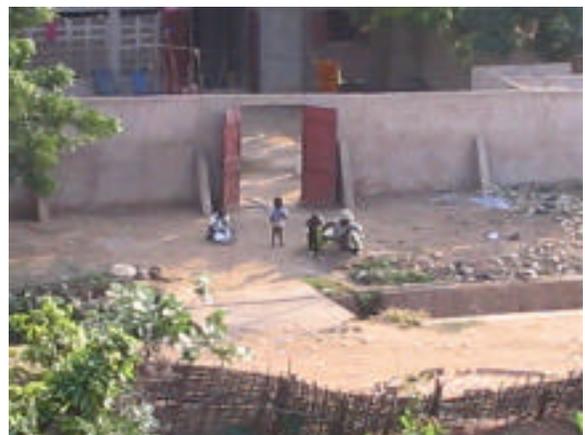
Exciting story: my homologue was walking us through the gardens and as we were walking down a path we heard a rustling in the bushes...he called out and we didn't hear a response so he checked it out...about 3 seconds later two Komodo dragons shot out from the bushes...one in front and one behind us...they are very dangerous but extremely afraid of people and they shot down the bank and into the river. When we got back I told the chief and he said that we should have tried to catch/kill them because they are very tasty.... no thanks chief.

I guess before I finish this email I will tell you all about some of the difficulties that I have experienced while being in this country. One is the amount of trash and sewage that is everywhere...especially in Bamako. It is really disgusting and I'm thankful that I don't have to live here. The second is the begging children. In this country, when children are very young, like 3-4 years old and don't have parents, they are sent off to the mosque to live. The mosques then force them to beg for everything...food, money... to teach them humility. They constantly are coming up to you, chanting benedictions and asking for money. It is really tough to see and has been rather difficult for me. But this is the reality of life in the third world that we don't get to see everyday and reminds me of how fortunate I have been and how fortunate my family and friends have been in their lives.

What else? ...Oh yeah its hot as hell also, but not too bad. :) Tomorrow I get to return to my host family...it should be really great > since I haven't seen them in over a week. I'm going to bring them a couple of watermelons from the market for them and give my host dad a pack of beef jerky that my mom sent me...that should blow him away.

My time has run out at the internet cafe and I must get going...Peace and love to you all.

Love, Matt Ala cadakan nyuman di ma -- May God give you a good destiny.



These are Malian people taken from the roof of the staging house

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

Here are some excerpts from editorials by some of Milo Elementary 6th graders expressing their opinions about the election I didn't know our kids had such strong opinions!

Thanks.... Susan Worcester

The students at Milo Elementary are preparing for the upcoming election. An election will be held at the school on Tuesday, November 2nd, so that students can have the opportunity to vote for their chosen candidate. Here are some opinions expressed by some of Milo's 6th grade students.

"As it gets closer to election day things are heating up.... I think Bush should win because he signed into the law the US Patriot Act which gives the U.S. law enforcement agencies more tools to prevent terrorist attacks. I think US Wetlands need to be restored because the U.S. is losing lots of wetlands to cities. I am a duck hunter and if people destroy the wetlands then the ducks will die. The one thing I like about Kerry is that he supports that. In 2003 Bush passed the Jobs and Growth Act providing the states with \$20 billion in aid to create ore jobs. Maine has lost tons of jobs because (of) the paper mill shutdowns..."

"Bush started the war on Iraq and some of the people don't like how Bush runs things. I think we should get a new president. We should give Kerry a chance and if he is a bad president we will impeach him. Now Bush may have lowered taxes but who knows what Kerry will do. I think Kerry will be a good president."

"...Under Kerry America would answer to United...Nations. This would be a disaster because John Kerry said that 40,000 troops are going to the army. Kerry is not a good president. I think that Bush is right that no child should be left behind. Bush wants to give \$20 billion to create more jobs and Kerry wants to give \$10 million to create more new jobs. Bush wants to lower the taxes and Kerry doesn't. But Bush would be a great president for the United States of America..."

"When President Bush passed the No Child Left Behind Act, he did wonders for America. I think President Bush will help our economy by improving our education systems. By initiating the No Child Left Behind Act President Bush secured that children will not graduate without the basic education needed to enter college and/or the work force. If you believe that our children deserve basic education, please re-elect President George W. Bush on November 2nd, 2004."

"...I think Kerry is best because he says he will lower gas prices and medical funds for seniors. Kerry will help schools and teachers. I think John Kerry will make a good president. John Kerry is doing good because (he says he will take) the soldiers that are in Iraq and send new soldiers in so...men and women will be able to see their families. I know the people that have their loved ones (home) right now will miss them so they will not vote for Kerry. But put yourselves in the families (places) that have loved ones in Iraq right now. The soldiers that are still in the US joined the Army to serve their country. So that's why I think John Kerry would make a good president."

"...I do not want either of them to be a president because Bush is going to put us in more wars and keep on fighting with Iraq. I don't want us fighting anymore. I do not want Kerry to be president because he's probably going to raise the gas prices because everyone does. Bush and Kerry may say things and promise us that...they'll lower gas prices and taxes but when they're president they will just raise taxes and gas prices."

"I think Kerry should be elected president. Bush and his father have already been president so it's time to let Kerry shine. If elected, Kerry will try to make security stronger than ever. Kerry will create ten million jobs and raise the minimum wage to seven dollars an hour, which will help the state of Maine. We've lost a lot of jobs here. So vote Kerry, if he shines we shine."

"I am electing neither of the candidates...George Bush I do not like because he is making it so that when I get old enough to live on my own I probably will not be able to afford anything. Also because of him 22 million people lost their jobs. He has also lied through the past like most presidents do.... I also do not think that John Kerry would be a good president. Because if he gets elected he is going to try to raise taxes - not like taxes aren't high enough these days. He is also going to try to send 40,000 more troops to go to war. I do not think that more people need to go to war.... Kerry is also a liar. I do not think by any means we need liars for presidents. I think that we should



get two new candidates that.... know what the United States needs.... We also need someone that will do what they say they are going to do..."

"I would pick Bush. Why? He would be a great leader. Why? He has intelligence and he is caring...Bush has proposed drilling for oil in Alaska's Arctic, 1% of it. . I bet Bush will care about children and other people...I say we should give him another chance because everyone needs a second chance...At his first term as president he lowered taxes. He passed three tax cuts going by the belief that the United States economy will grow if the American people have more money in their pockets to spend...If he is re-elected he promised to earn an additional \$500 million...for jobs..."

"I am a Republican. I always have been. Always will be. That's not the only reason I vote for Bush though. He (is) strong in his faith and is honest, fair, and responsible. Bush signed the Patriot Act, which will help our nation dearly by providing US Law Enforcement Agencies with tools to prevent any future terrorist attacks on this nation. Bush also signed the Growth Act in '03, which gives states \$20 billion to make more jobs. ...That's my belief and I hope it's yours. Vote for George W. Bush on Nov. 2, 2004."

COOK SCHOOL NEWS



Our October 29th assembly opened with Ms. Ivy's class leading us in "This is Our Country."

Terrific Kid Certificates were awarded to Cassidy Parker, Shawna Moulton and Dana Herrick. Ms. Ivy said that Cassidy is always terrific. She is a super reader, writer and listener. Cassidy is helpful and follows all the rules. Mrs. Carter described Shawna as "Sweet." She has been working hard and has been getting her morning jobs done. She brings her planner back every day and is a very nice friend.

Miss K. said that Dana has a great attitude. She is a super worker, is polite and completes all assignments. Dana is a wonderful role model.

Good Kid on the Bus Awards were presented to Jessica Donlon, Shalene Cody and Haley Morel.

Our November 5th assembly will begin at 10:40. There will be a Veterans Day program prior to Terrific Kids.

The students and staff at the Marion C. Cook School recently enjoyed a wonderful field trip. Our first stop was to see a production of "Tom Sawyer" at the Maine Center for the Arts. We thank our wonderful PTO for purchasing the tickets. We enjoyed a terrific performance.

We then boarded the bus for a picnic lunch at the Bangor City Forest. After lunch, we moved and improved with a trip around the Orono Bog Boardwalk. Students in grades 2-5 researched the plant and animal life at the bog online prior to the trip. We saw many of the plants we read about online. We would like to thank Jenn Baker, Ron Parker and Shelly Morel for joining us for lunch and the walk.

Shown above are Jessica Donlon, Morgan Drake and Mackenzie Morel as they take a break in the Bangor City Forest.

The LaGrange PTO held a fabulous dance for the students at the Marion C. Cook School. The decorated gymnasium was packed with dancing students and parents. Frankenstein watched over the event from the corner. The great music kept



toes tapping. Costumes ranged from the glamorous to scary. Prizes were awarded in four categories. Best Costume: Miranda LeClair, Funniest Costume: Michael Doucette, Scariest Costume: Sha-Lyn Trafton, Most Original Costume: Paige and Reece Carter.

The students send a great big thank you to the PTO. We think you're wonderful.

Students in Ms. Ivy's class paraded around the school after making masks in Art Class with Mrs. Chapman.



Patriots' fans enjoying the dance.

BROWNVILLE NEWS

Brownville Elementary Terrific Kids for the week of October 25th were: Jazmyn Gray in Kindergarten, Anthony Webb in First



Grade, Bailee Burton in Second Grade, Leah Word in Third Grade, Coltin Durant in Fourth Grade, Josh Stanhope in Fifth Grade and Shelby Hall in Sixth Grade. Congratulations to all of Brownville's wonderful kids!!



Brownville Elementary Sixth Grade Band performed the National Anthem at the Political Rally held recently in Brownville.

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathy Witham

Well, they did it! The Red Sox finally won the World Series! People's hopes and dreams have soared, only to be dashed by disappointment time and again. Not this year! This year all of our hopes and dreams have been realized. The curse has finally been reversed.

We didn't let ourselves get too excited until they beat the Yankees. That was when we began to think that it was a possibility. Any of you who know my husband, know that he was a pessimist right to the very end. As a matter of fact, in the 8th inning of the fourth and final game....he had a wee meltdown right in our living room. Convinced they wouldn't be able to win without scoring some runs in the eighth inning, he totally prepared himself for them to lose that game. Now, keep in mind they were ahead...and had been ahead the entire game. I was as relieved as anyone that I know that they were able to stay in the lead and win the game...but without a celebration going on around me, it just didn't seem like as much fun. We make such a big deal of the Superbowl that it was a real letdown to be all alone in our living room with nobody to scream and jump up and down with. Heck, I was so exhausted that I was struggling to keep my eyes open. It was so late at night that there wasn't anybody that we even dared to call.

Why didn't we plan parties? Of course, we all know the reason why we didn't plan parties. We didn't plan parties because we couldn't believe that they were going to win that fourth game...much



less the World Series. Hard to plan a party to celebrate the winning of a team who you are sure is going to, some how, screw it up. Well, suffice to say we are a very happy family. We've become believers.

The next leap of faith for us was finally making the decision on which satellite company that we wanted to sign on with. Mike Russell, of the Pat and Dick Russell, Russell's, gave me a call after I announced that it was going to cost us a hundred bucks a month to have NESN to watch the Red Sox. He said it wouldn't cost that much. So, we took his word for it and took the plunge. Of course, we still have both the cable and the other satellite company hooked up. Canceling out all of our options at once just went against the grain. It had to wait until we were sure this choice was going to work. So far so good. I'll be making those calls tomorrow.

The final excitement for us will be on Election Day. It's not a secret that we here in this household support the President of the United States. The polls say that it's going to be very very close. I hate close elections, but I'd hate it even worse if it were a run-a-way election. We had a wonderful rally at the Brownville Elementary School this week. The Bush supporters outnumbered the Kerry folks at both the rally and the little mock election that was held on Friday. It was a happy day for me to see my little First Grade granddaughter sashay up to the voting booth and make her mark on the ballot. The ballot was devised so that even the little ones who couldn't read were able to vote. There was a picture of George Bush with a box to check and there was a picture of John Kerry with a box to check. It's such an important thing to learn to do. I'm sure there are many grown adults who don't vote because they don't have a clue how to go about doing it. If you've gotten over fools hill far enough to realize that voting is about the only way you get a say in how government on any level is run, and you've never voted before, you might be a bit sheepish about taking that first step.

I've voted almost every time the polls have been open in the Town of Milo in the last 36 years. For many years I worked at the polls, either checking people in or out or for the Republican Party checking names and phoning party members to remind them to get out and vote. Election Day is very exciting for me. Of course, it's always exciting to know that you don't have to watch any more political ads for a while. It is comforting to know that no matter how the elections turn out, life will go on the next day much like it was before all this election business started.

Try this wonderful chili recipe some time soon. We had it one night this week and it was delicious. It makes a good-sized pot, so we invited the Hamlin's to share it with us. We had enough left over for another meal or two.

Chili with Pasta

1 to 1-1/2 lbs. of ground chuck
 2 ribs of celery sliced
 1 medium sized onion, chopped
 1 can (46 oz.) tomato juice
 1 can diced tomatoes, undrained (I used the chili flavored)
 1 can red kidney beans, rinsed and drained
 1 regular sized can of tomato soup
 1/2 cup water
 2 tablespoons chili powder (if you don't like a strong taste of chili... reduce this amount)
 1 or 2 tablespoons of brown sugar
 3 bay leaves
 salt and pepper to taste
 1 and 1/2 cups elbow macaroni or small shell pasta, cooked and drained.

In a large Dutch oven - or oversized frying pan with a cover, cook the beef, celery and onion over medium heat until the meat is no longer pink (if there is any liquid to drain off, be sure to do it) Add the tomato products, beans, soup, water, sugar and spices. Bring to a boil. Reduce the heat; cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, cook your macaroni and drain. Add the macaroni to the sauce and cook 5 minutes longer. Be sure to pick out the bay leaves and discard them before serving.

I made a pan of cornbread to serve with this and Cheryl brought a nice tossed salad. We had caramel apples on a stick for dessert. Yummy and fun supper!

The Milo District Schools

By Lloyd J. Treworgy
 Continued Part XXXII

The first direct mention of consolidation that I ran across appears in the 1893 report of A.N. Stanhope.

"The plan for concentrating the schools of the town in the village," he wrote, "is believed by many to be one of the best devices for schooling a rural community that has ever been discovered."

This earnest advice came in the same report with the announcement that the newly—built grammar school "will be ready for occupancy September 1st." This was the schoolhouse that still stands a hundred yards or so from the old high school building. (It is the building with the bell that rang out the news with becoming formality, a few months ago, of Basketville's first completed basket in Milo).

A year later, in 1894, Superintendent I.G. Mayo was again pressing the issue of consolidation.

"The village," his report said, "had on April 1, 1893, 188 scholars. In the other eight districts there were 126. Some plan should be devised to bring these children together in sufficient numbers to maintain a respectable school."

By 1895, the voters were ready, at least in town meeting, to go along with his assessment of the situation. They voted favorably on an article "to consolidate, as far as practicable and economical, the so-called Morse District with the village; Holbrook with Sargent Hill; Hobbstown with Drake, and scholars east of Pleasant River in one school."

Even as they voted their approval to partial consolidation, however, the village schools were beginning to become crowded. Supervisor S.D. Page reported, the same year the vote on consolidation was taken, that "in District 5 (the village), there were 140 pupils in the building." He meant, of course, the new grammar school building, completed in 1893, which, as we have noted, housed all the elementary and high school students in the village.

Movement of the pupils toward the village went on, although slowly. The 1896 figures showed 187 pupils in the village school and 76 registered as attending the five rural schools left to operate as separate units.

The attack on the fragmented district school system continued. In 1897, the superintending school committee produced figures showing that "it has cost \$5.40 (per year, presumably) to educate each pupil in the village school; \$9.58 for each child outside the village."

Supervisor M.L. Durgin reported, the same year, that "the old school" "that would be the one we called the old primary today" had been "practically rebuilt", and that about 75 children were attending there. (This was not the major alteration of that building. That would come eight or nine years later).

Here we must insert a strange interlude in the occupancy of the primary school. Early in this story I noted that it had stood, a sleeping ruin, for quite a few years prior to 1976.

This is not the first time such indignity had befallen the primary school. Apparently, after the grammar school was completed, in 1893, it was abandoned for nearly four years.

Our information comes from the 1903 edition of the Breeze, in the same article from which I have quoted before, entitled "Glances Backward" and signed "Alumnus."

The year 1893," the alumnus wrote, "brought the handsome new edifice which is familiar to all as our High School building (the old grammar school). Joyfully the children trooped to the new house and settled into their places as Primary, Intermediate or High School scholars. Joyful at the sight of the fine, new building, but reluctant to leave the pretty grounds around the old school..."

This paragraph was quoted earlier to illustrate a different point. Its significance here shows in the next paragraph.

"In 1897," the Breeze article goes on, "there was a period of confusion- of rearranging. For the sub-primary and grammar schools were introduced and the little, old red schoolhouse (so it WAS) painted red) which had been abandoned (that was in 1893) was attacked and transformed into a neat little building containing the sub-primary and primary rooms."

MILO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Judith Macdougall

Well, I finally found the time to go through one of the Preview boxes that I mentioned in the last column. Linda from Penworthy called to see if I had received the box and although I had opened it, I had not done any more than glance at the contents. I decided to keep 8 of the enclosed books. We still have gift money in memory of Helen Carey, and I felt she would approve of our adding to our juvenile books in her name. I have opened the Gareth Stevens Preview box too, but only to make sure that the contents arrived in good shape. I have not had time to make any selections. Here is a list of the Penworthy juvenile books that Pam and I chose:

- ANGELINA, STAR OF THE SHOW

ANTS BEES

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT THE 50 STATES

HOW SMART IS YOUR DOG (fun science activities and pet care)

NUTS TO YOU (a squirrel story and collage illustrations)

THE THREE SILLIES by Steven Kellogg

PUMPKINS (an elementary history of pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns with recipes)

Wednesday was the Kiwanis Kids Korner regular meeting. There were 26 children present, 6 adults and Haley Flanders, the very helpful 4H teenager. The adults were the faithful Val, Don, Dottie and Frank, plus Elders Wade and Woodruff. Susie Ricker had generously made 2 cakes with orange frosting and pumpkin faces for the children's Halloween refreshments. Haley cut and served the cake as Val prepared to read the story Arthur's Halloween. Haley had taken a picture of each Kiwanis Kid with Val's digital camera, and Val brought in the finished pictures this week. Each child finished his/her card to Matt Pokrywka in the Peace Corps by enclosing their picture and trimming the card with "glitter". My, you could say all those children were bright and "glittering". Even the stair carpet was aglow! Now Matt will not only get signed cards, but he will be able to see the children who designed them.

Not only have we chosen juvenile books, but we also have a new shipment of adult books. Here are our latest.

Crombie, Deborah IN A DARK HOUSE

Eliot, Marc CARY GRANT (a biography)

Evanovich, Janet THE ROCKY ROAD TO ROMANCE (Paper)

Fletcher, Jessica VOTE FOR MURDER

Isaacs, Susan ANY PLACE I HANG MY HAT

Jakes, John SAVANNAH or A gift for Mr. Lincoln

Kellerman, Faye & Jonathan DOUBLE HOMICIDE

Kinkade, Thomas A CHRISTMAS PROMISE (A Cape Light novel)

Kinsella, Sophie SHOPAHOLIC AND SISTER

Michaels, Fern FAMILY BLESSINGS

Perry, Anne SHOULDER THE SKY (World War I)

Roberts, Nora NORTHERN LIGHTS

Shreve, Anita LIGHT ON SNOW

Straub, Peter IN THE NIGHT ROOM

Tapply, William BITCH CREEK

Updike, John VILLAGES

Remember on Monday, Nov. 1st there will be a Preschool Story/Craft Time here at the library from 1:30-2:30pm. All preschoolers are welcome. Melissa Hill will be the director.

Library Winter Hours

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

Saturday 2:00-4:00

Telephone 943-2612

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank all my family, my children, and friends for the cards, flowers, and phone calls during my time of illness.

Also, I want to thank the Three Rivers Ambulance for the excellent care I received from them. It means so much to know that so many people care.

Sincerely, Lana J. Ellison

IN MEMORIAM

MORNA C. LEWIS

MILO - Morna C. Lewis, 65, passed away Oct 25, 2004, and was gathered to her people, at a Dover-Foxcroft healthcare facility, after a long, courageous battle with diabetes, with never a complaint or hint of fear. She was born Dec. 9, 1938, in Milo, the daughter of the late George C. and Thelma (Ellis) Crabtree. Morna graduated from Milo High School in 1957. After graduated she attended both a business and beauty school. She worked at the Milo Dexter Shoe factory for 18 years, than spent years as a personal care attendant for her father until his passing in 1992, and then for many other local elderly people. She was an avid sports fan, attending many years of high school basketball and soccer games supporting all the kids in the Milo school system. Many people who attended the Milo schools during the years of 1976-1983 will remember riding to games in Morna's gold Chevy pickup and egging her on to dance when she chaperoned many of the Milo Recreation Dances. She is survived by one daughter, Valerie and her husband, Robert Ekholm, of Milo; two grandchildren, Candice and Jenny Ekholm, both of Milo; one sister, Lorraine Johnson of Corea and her children, Randy Johnson, of Corea and Sheila Clapp of Lincoln; other nieces nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen Lewis. Gifts in Morna's Memory may be made to the Diabetes Association or the Milo Ambulance Service. A service of Memorial Alternatives.

EVELYN M. BAILEY

LAGRANGE - Evelyn M. Bailey, 88, wife of the late Frank Bailey, died Oct. 22, 2004, peacefully at home surrounded by her family. She was born Nov. 21, 1915, in LaGrange, the daughter of Frederick and Clara (Lovejoy) Messer. She graduated valedictorian of her class from LaGrange High School in 1931. Evelyn was a member of LaGrange Community Baptist Church, was Past Worthy Matron of Doric Chapter, OES, of LaGrange, and was the tax collector in LaGrange for 30 years. She also worked for 15 years at Windy Ridge egg farm. She is survived by two sons, Paul and his wife, Elaine Lewis, of Hampden, Roger and his wife, Shelley Lewis, of Bangor; two daughters, Ronda and her husband, Dale Koucher, of Coloma, Mich., Sandra and her husband, Mike Bowen, of Bradley; seven grandchildren, seven great- grandchildren, two great-great- grandchildren, two step-grandsons. She was predeceased by her first husband, Russell Lewis and a grandson, Russell Lewis. Evelyn's family would like to extend a special thank you to Wanda Freese for her loving care of their mother over the past few months. A memorial service will be conducted 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at the Lary Funeral Home, Milo, with Pastor David Mumford officiating. Burial will be in the family lot in Hillcrest Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Cancer Care of Maine, care of Eastern Maine Charities, PO Box 404, Bangor, ME 04401.

MARGARET WEBB CAMPBELL

MILO - Margaret Webb Campbell, 92, died peacefully at home on Oct. 21, 2004. She was born July 25, 1912, in Plecentia Jct., Newfoundland. She was predeceased by her husband of 24 years, Albert A. Webb in 1954; her second husband of 31 years, Stanley A. Campbell in 1988; two sons, James A. Webb Sr. in 1983 and Donald E. Webb in 2001. She is survived by three sons, Raymond A. and Sylvia Webb of King George, Va., Stephen T. Webb of Milo, and Arthur R. and Ethel Webb of Milo; three daughters, Marilyn E. Webb of Winslow, Shirley A. and Richard Morley of Mason, N.H., and Norma E. Campbell of Dover-Foxcroft, 30 grandchildren, 63 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She will be fondly remembered by Deanna Libby and many friends who called her "Mom" and "Nan." She is in the hands of our Lord and in the company of many of our family. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Women's No-Cost Screening Day

Sponsored by:

**Mayo Regional Hospital, Penquis Health Services in Dover and Dexter and The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program a Division of DHHS
December 9, 2004 10-3:30PM**

You will qualify if you are: A woman 40 years or older who has limited or no insurance coverage and meet specific income guidelines

The Services you will be provided are:

Clinical Exam including CBE and PAP Test and Mammogram

Pre-Registration Required Contact ; The Maine Breast and Cervical Health Program 1-800-350-5180

HEARTWISE WALK FOR LIFE

By Phil Gerow

I did it! I met my goal of \$3,000! Last year I had set the goal for last year at \$3,000 and raised \$2,769. I missed it by a little bit. So this year, I set my goal again for \$3,000 and I did it!

I raised a total of \$3,171 on the day of the walk. That's what I turned in. But since then, thanks to the custodial staff and bus drivers, I have received \$30 more, making the grand total \$3,201. That's not bad for a 70-year old fellow.

And I owe it all to individuals and businesses around town and, definitely you, faculty and staff. I have always done well by you and for this I express my heartfelt thanks. It's folks like you who make life worthwhile. So I say thanks from the bottom of my heart to all who helped me in any way.

On the day of the walk, October 2, I had to turn in the funds that I had been pledged, even though I had not collected them. That's the way it's been for the past several years. I take the funds out of Ina Jane and my savings account and put them in. Then I remind individuals of the amount they have pledged, and they have been really good about "putting up the funds".

So, that's the purpose of this letter. To remind the folks who pledged me and as yet haven't turned in their pledges. I've waited until October break was over to collect. I thank Helene for keeping a list in the office and collecting pledges for me.

I've been attending the Heartwise Cardiac Rehabilitation Program through Mayo Regional Hospital for seven years---and each year I enjoy it more, not because of just making me keep exercising as I should be anyway, but also for the companionship of the others in the group who are there for the same reasons---we've had heart problems of some kind. I've been to Eastern Maine Medical Center twice---and each time I have come out a better person physically.

So, thanks to all for your help! It is greatly appreciated! I know I didn't make contact with all of you, but hopefully there's always another year. I also want to thank Louise Rhoda who helped with LaGrange, Vikki Carey for the Milo Elementary School, and Kathy Witham for the Brownville Elementary School. Again, my sincere thanks to all of you for your help.

Sincerely, Phil Gerow

MILO HISTORICAL SOCIETY OFFERS CRAFT AND MERCHANTS FAIR

Just in time for the snow and ice of winter. The building that houses the Milo's Historical Society needs a new roof. So, as a fundraiser, the historical society will hold a Craft and Merchants Fair on Sunday, November 28, at the Milo Town Hall from noon to 4 pm. The fair will be in the dining room and tables are a \$10 donation to the Milo Historical Society. Anyone who would like to participate, whether a craft person, a small business owner or a service organization, can call Alan Monroe at 943-2268 or Victoria Eastman at 943-2400.

M.S.A.D. #41

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

NOVEMBER 2004

1-Teriyaki chicken, cheesy potato, beets, d. roll, fruit, and milk every day.
2-Steak Um, oven fries, corn, and pudding.
3-Spaghetti, garden salad, garlic bread, and fruit.
4-Egg muffin, potato pattie, carrot sticks,

and birthday cake.
5-Juice, pigs in a blanket, cole slaw, and assorted desserts.
8-Bacon cheeseburger, buttered macaroni, winter mix veg., and fruit.
9-Shaved turkey wrap (tomato/lettuce/pickles), rice pilaf, and buttered carrots.
10-Yogurt tray, salad, wheat roll, and fruit.
11-VETERANS DAY
12-NO SCHOOL
15-Chicken parmesan, rice, peas, and fruit.
16-Ravioli, broccoli/cheese, d. roll, and fruit.
17-Hamburger soup, B.L.T. sandwich, and fruit.
18-THANKSGIVING DINNER-Turkey and gravy, mashed potato, green peas, squash, stuffing, cranberry sauce, d. roll, and apple crisp.
19-Pizza, green beans, and Jell-O/topping.
22-Macaroni/cheese, chicken nuggets, salad, fruit, and d. roll.
23-Spanish rice (hamburger, rice, tomato sauce), assorted vegetables, and fruit.
24-NO SCHOOL
25-THANKSGIVING
26-NO SCHOOL
BREAKFAST MENU
Monday-Gogurt, teddy grahams, and juice.
Tuesday-Bagel, lo fat cream cheese, juice.
Wednesday-Pizza stick and juice.
Thursday-Cheese stick, muffin, and juice.
Friday-Super bun and juice.

BACK ALONG WEATHER

From Grammie's weather diary.

NOVEMBER 1990

1-Sunny windy frost

2-P cloudy rain in evening

3-P sunny

4-M cloudy then sunny

5-Sunny cold

6-Rain snow

7-Sunny windy cold

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meets at The Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30 to eat breakfast, enjoy fellowship, 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. We are involved in many worthwhile local projects and would be very pleased to have you participate in them.

OCTOBER 27, 2004 MEETING

President Murrel Harris welcomed 21 members on this day. Eben DeWitt led the flag salute and Herb Dunham gave a meaningful prayer. The inspirational reading was by Don Harris "Our Eyes On The Goal" by Carole Mayhall. The story describes a 40-year-old woman who has decided to enter the 26-mile Boston Marathon. To finish the race was her goal, despite being harassed and jeered at, she did not lose sight of her goal. On the day of the race, as she ran, huge blisters formed on her feet. Several miles short of the finish line found her exhausted. But, she kept on going. A few yards from the finish line she fell and lay flat on her face, too tired to raise her head. Her friends cheered her on, she lifted her head and with great effort noted a message had friends had put on the finish line, realizing her goal was in sight, she picked herself up and with a burst of energy was able to run the last few yards. She had kept here eyes on the goal for the joy of finishing, she had endured.

President Murrel welcomed four guests from Orono/Old town Kiwanis. Correspondence from Dateline Dover and Orono/Old town Newsletter was available for members to read. A thank-you letter from Judith Macdougall from the Milo Free Public Library was read to all the Kiwanis members thanking the Kiwanis for their gift of books to the Milo Library, presented by President Murrel Harris.

Twenty-two Happy and Sad Dollars donated this day. For new member of the club, for Go Boston, for Orono/Old Town K-Kids Charter with 65 K-kids as members, for a 64th wedding anniversary from Orono/Old Town member, for a return from Florida trip, for Merna, for speaker Penny today, upcoming trip to Las Vegas, happy dollar to kill Palesky Tax Cap bill, happy dollar for town meeting in Brownville that will have that town joining with Milo Industrial Park, for presentation of picture showing President Murrel cheering for Red Sox, another happy dollar for "whose your daddy" and another dollar waiting for the curse, and a happy dollar for a good Evergreen Music Program at Milo Town Hall and for the RIF program.

Chris Beres reports that the Terrific Kids Assembly will proceed as usual this week with programs on Thursday and Friday.

Val reports that Kiwanis Kids Korner kids are busy making cards to send to Mali, Africa as the children follow Matt Pokrywka's adventures in the Peace Corps. Today the children will use ' tons' of colored glitter to make the cards extra special!

Heidi reports that the RIF program is going well, noting that members who are reading to the children are keep creating positive memories for the children and offer many bright spots for them. Chris Beres will be taking over the RIF program for Heidi. Don Harris, Ethelyn, Edwin and Murrel will be reading to the children this week.

Trish Hayes introduced members of the Key Club today, Danielle Graves and Krystle Parkman.

Val states that as summer residents leave that the Three Rivers hard copy is down a bit.

Installation on Friday Night of Orono/Old Town Kiwanis.

Veteran's Day Dinner will be held as planned on Veteran's Day in the Milo Town Hall. Kathy will be completing the favors and Nancy will be in charge of decorating.

Joe told us that there would be a work session at 3:30 on Wednesday afternoon. E-mail messages to be sent out to all members as members are needed to work on Saturday in order to complete the roof before winter.

Ethelyn advises us that Evergreen gave a very good performance. We were short about twenty dollars, owing to the competition provided by the Boston Red Sox first World Series game, not as many people in attendance as anticipated.

Don told us that The American Legion Post # 41 is anticipating a welcome home gathering for Keith Dawson as he returns home from Iraq after being wounded two times. The day is anticipated to be Saturday, Nov. 6 from 2-5 pm. We are looking for volunteers to assist the American Legion with party foods. Please contact Don Harris for additional information.

Today's speakers were Penny Drinkwater and Michelle Lemik from SOAR. (Support Our American Recruits). This SOAR group is the first in Maine and the first in New England. They are now located in seven states. Their mission is to support all branches of the military. This includes all those who serve, who have served and will serve in the future; to bring about and discover new ways of

improving and maintaining the morale of the Armed Forces; and to be a source of strength to family members of military personal. Penny and Michelle are asking all residents to send as many Christmas cards as possible to distribute to our service men and women by Nov. 12 in order for troops to receive them in time for Christmas. It is so very important to the troops to receive these cards as they are away from home during the holidays. Bins are located in several area businesses such as Farmers Union, Post Office, Rite-Aid, United Kingfield Bank, Maine Savings and Video store. They ask that all cards be dropped in the box without envelopes, as the envelopes only add to the weight of overseas mailings. Soar is selling military bandanas to raise money for postage and they hope to raise enough money to give ALL the troops these bandanas, with the 91st Psalm printed on them as they pass through Bangor. SOAR is looking for volunteers to assist with this project and to greet our troops as they come and go from Bangor. Please contact Penny Drinkwater, who will assist you. They are also selling magnets as seen on many autos, again to raise money for postage. SOAR's website is www.letssoartgether.org. Next week the speaker will be Keith Dawson.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.