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Please join us for the Fourth Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting on Sunday, November 28, 2004, 5:00 PM. at the Milo Farmer's Union Green.

Cookies and Hot Cocoa will be served. Holiday Music performed by the PVHS Band.

Sponsored by the PVHS Key Club

IN THIS ISSUE---A LETTER FROM MATT!!!!

Jamie Russell named Physical Education teacher of year

Jamie Russell, of LaGrange was named Maine's secondary school physical education teacher of the year by the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance at that organization's annual awards banquet at the Samoset Resort in Rockport on November 8, 2004. Jamie joins his wife Dawn as a recipient of the award. Dawn is an elementary physical education instructor at schools in Milo, Brownville and LaGrange, and was honored by the same organization in 1998. "I stole a lot of my ideas from her," joked Russell, also the boys' basketball coach at Piscataquis Community High in Guilford and one of the state's top soccer officials.

Jamie has been a high school physical education teacher for more than 20 years, the last 17 years at Central where he currently serves as the lone P.E. instructor for a student population of 425.

During that tenure he has modernized the school's physical education program, including the addition five years ago of Project Adventure. That adventure-based program shifts students away from traditional physical education fare, and instead provides opportunities such as mountain climbing, kayaking, river walks and ropes course work as well as community-service projects and fund-raising endeavors to support some of the group's activities.

"We started five years ago with 14 kids, and now we've got 81," said Russell, who added that the school soon plans to add rope course elements to its gymnasium. "It's both a class and a club, and it's really grown."

Russell also has established a P.E. Leaders program, empowering upperclassmen at Central to contribute to classes as teaching assistants and giving them responsibilities that aid in the smooth running of classes.

"A lot of it is just problem solving and team building," he said. "I know it's changed how I coach, too. Now I give kids more of a say in decision making. I think it's important to get kids more involved."

Russell also has been active in adapting the Central physical education program to comply with local comprehensive assessments related to Maine's Learning Results.

"He's just a wonderful physical educator," said Central principal Garry Spencer, who nominated Russell for the award. "He has the best interest of the kids in mind at all times, and being the sole physical educator in our school he's put together a wonderful program."

"He's an excellent role model for our students, and his energy is high. And another thing I've noticed is the number of students who come back to the school to see him after they graduate. That to me shows the respect the students he's had over the years have for him."

Note of Thanks:

The Brownville Jct. Service club would like to thanks everyone who came to our craft fair on November 13, and for making it a huge success.

The winner of the full-sized quilt raffle was Hanna Backus of Milford and Brownville Jct. The winning ticket was drawn by Blake Morrison.

YOU DID IT!!!

Thanks to YOUR participation 'MAKE A SOLDIER'S CHRISTMAS' was a HUGE success!! YOU collected 1294 cards & letters ~ hugs from home ~ to mail to our troops. Wow!!



We thank YOU, the businesses who allowed SOAR to place bins throughout the community for collection of cards and for donations of candy to put in the boxes to be mailed. We thank YOU for your dollars contributed to help with shipping costs. We thank YOU who participated and helped to make our 1st annual Christmas card campaign such a huge success. We at SOAR/Maine sincerely thank YOU. God bless you...and thank you for supporting our troops. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club of Milo & Brownville will be serving as a clearinghouse for Santa's Helpers again this year.

Donations may be made at: Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Park St., Milo ME 04463

Requests for Children Only will come to us from the Milo & Brownville Town Offices, the Milo & Brownville Elementary Schools & Head Start. The final date to submit names is November 24th. Distribution will be from the Milo Town Hall by appointment only on December 10th.

In an effort to minimize duplication, we ask that other organizations inform the Kiwanis if they have adopted



a child or family for Secret Santa. Please contact Murrel Harris at 943-7326.

Please remember that Christmas is a good time to get involved with caring for the needs of others, especially children.

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MEALS FOR ME. MENU

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| TUES., NOV. 23 | BAKED CHICKEN, RICE, MIXED VEGGIES, FRUIT COCKTAIL DESSERT |
| WED., NOV. 24 | AMERICAN CHOP SUEY, TOSSED SALAD, BREAD STICK, SPICE CAKE |
| THUR., NOV. 25 | ALL SITES CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING |
| FRI., NOV. 26 | STILL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING.....HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND |

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!



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

Webcam is located at Trask Insurance, 3 Main Street, Milo



I received the preceding photos in an e-mail from Jed Ladd in Colorado and the subject was: Photos that will never make the news..... but are very important to share.

The text of the letter was: *Please pass the pictures on. Sometimes in our everyday lives we tend to forget what's going on elsewhere in the world and that the brave men and women of the service are just like you and me. They have family and friends back home who love them very much and are praying for their safe return.*

Please stop for a moment and say a prayer for our troops (land, air, and sea) in Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq, and around the world. Of all the gifts you could give the US Military, prayer is the very best one.

Powerful photos to say the least. Never forget what others do to keep our way of life possible. Remember a veteran during the coming holiday season and say a word or two of support to a family member of an away-from-home military person. Val

All interested community members are encouraged to attend a meeting of the Brownville Tourism Committee on Tuesday, November 23, 2004 at the BJHS Alumni Building beginning at 6:00 P.M. Folks will learn about local and regional efforts surrounding tourism development, discuss the upcoming 100-Mile Sled Dog Race that will be in Brownville in February, and continue work on Brownville's tourism asset inventory. Please contact Sophie Wilson at the Town Office with and questions

Brownville Trivia

By Bill Sawtell

Choose the best answer.

1. Max Cohen and Sargae Rugale came from (a) France (b) Spain (c) Russia (d) Germany.
2. Axel Carlson fell (a) 67 (b) 77 (c) 95 (d) 135 feet off the Onawa Trestle.
3. (a) Everett Gerrish (b) Lyle Towne (c) Buddy Gerrish (d) Dave Cota was Brownville's first town manager.
4. Lori Larson Shields was (a) Miss Potato Blossom (b) Miss Brownville (c) Miss Chamber of Commerce (d) Miss Maine.
5. Charlie Allen sold milk to (a) Sealtest (b) Hood (c) Ben and Jerry's (d) Grant's
6. (a) Paul (b) Clayton (c) Neil (d) Sally Arbo owned the Prairie Pavillion.
7. The Arbo family was known for its (a) height (b) wealth (c) music (d) poetry.
8. The YMCA secretary was usually a supply (a) teacher (b) preacher (c) sergeant (d) clerk.
9. Dillon's Hall was also called the (a) Majestic Theater (b) Junction Hall (c) Henderson Cafe (d) Eureka.
10. (a) Bert Dillon (b) J.R. Crandall (c) Sam Cohen (d) Paul Arbo had the first automobile in the Junction.

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

Remembering JFK

November 22, 1963

That fateful Friday afternoon, we college prep students at BJHS were in Vicki Lord's advanced math class when our custodian/bus driver Milton Smith announced that our President had been shot in Dallas. Later our principal Malcolm Buchanan gave us the worst news many of us baby boomers had ever had outside our own family tragedies. JFK was dead. There would be no school dance that night.

What lay ahead was perhaps the saddest weekend of my life. Jack Ruby's dastardly deed that Sunday noon only exacerbated my sadness.

I'll never forget the funeral.

Although I've read of Kennedy's imperfections, no president since has been able to replace him in my brown eyes. Certainly not LBJ. JFK had a vision-a vision that was permanently and totally arrested by Lee Harvey Oswald's bullet on that Friday afternoon in 1963.

MILO TOWN OFFICE HOURS FOR THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

TOWN OFFICE CLOSED THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25,
2004 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2004

**CURBSIDE PICK UP
FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2004
WILL BE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2004**

M.S.A.D. #41 ADULT ED IS GEARING UP FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER

Do you have a talent that you'd like to share - or something you'd like to learn? M.S.A.D. #41 Adult Education Program would like to provide the opportunity for adults in our community to learn new things. If you have ideas for new classes that you would be interested in, please call 943-7317 between 8:00 and 2:30 and share those ideas.

If you have a talent that you think others might be interested in learning and you have the time and energy to share those talents, please call. If we have at least five people interested in taking a class and an instructor able to teach the class then we will gladly offer it.

Adult Education classes are free to those who will be using the class for credit toward their diploma, and also to folks over the age of 60. This is a great opportunity for members of the community to take advantage of what our district has to offer. Get those grey cells working! Call today with your ideas for helping us to serve you.

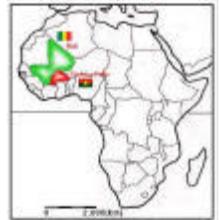
Christmas Craft Fair

The Brownville Jct., American Legion Auxiliary will hold it's annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec 4, from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Legion Hall at 75 Railroad Ave. There will be crafts, a baked goods table, a table for children to shop and raffle items. Lunch will be available from 11:00 to 1:00. Santa will be arriving at 11:00 and will have pictures taken with children from 11:00 to 12:30.

FROM MATT IN MALI

Greetings all,

I am sorry that it has been so long since my last email...but I have been very busy. All is very well for me here right now. I will swear in as a volunteer this Friday and leave for my site on Sunday...very exciting for me.



Where to start...I left my host family two days ago and it was a pretty sad day for me. It is truly remarkable how close we became in the six weeks that we spent together...but I am already planning on going back in April...I definitely owe it to them.

Ramadan ended about a week ago...on Friday night we stayed up late waiting to see the moon because that makes it official. But we heard on the radio that it was seen in Bamako so that was all that was needed. After we heard the news we started dancing, drinking lots of tea, and playing cards. It was a really late night and a lot of fun. The next day was a day I will never forget. Everyone in my family got dressed up in new clothes, including myself (mom timed sending me a new shirt perfectly). I found myself very moved when I saw the kids in my family dressed up and so happy...a lot of them wear only underwear a lot of the time so it was a really special moment for me.

I then went to the mosque with them...the 2nd time that I had been there. The ceremony was really neat...much different than any religious ceremony that I have been to. Next, we went back home and I got to watch my dad slaughter a bull with his friends...pretty neat but definitely bloody...and all this time I thought hamburgers grew on trees :)

Throughout the day we ate tons of food, including the bull (tasty), and I also went through the traditional festival greetings about 40 times (literally). Basically you

greet someone by wishing them a long life, their children, relatives, and spouses long lives, and then throw in a few blessings on top of it. It really helped me convince a lot of people that I spoke fluent Bambara..which I am getting better at every day.

I have a bunch of photos that I am going to try to send to my mom today, but I do not think that this computer is capable of it...if not today than sometime this week for sure. pokrywka@kynd.net

We got to watch the election at the American cultural center in Bamako...not pleasant. The people here, both American and Malian cannot believe the result of the election. But I do not want to get into that. Our nation needs to unite and not let our political views divide us any further.

I have heard from my parents that many of you want to send things to me for the children here...this is a great thing for you to do but I am not sure how to go about it yet. My idea is that it may be more economical if I was sent money to buy things here for them because things are ridiculously cheap and the buck would go much further...but I need to ask around first and see how to go about it. I will keep you posted

My address is going to change once I leave on Sunday also...here it is:

Matthew Pokrywka
Corps de la Paix - BP 440
Kayes, Mali

I want to thank these people for sending me things also...Val Robertson for the continual updates...The Lees, Joyce Hogan, Sheila Clark, and Lindsay Graf for the cards...and especially to Richard Whitmore for the box of t-shirts. And thanks to Mom for the care packages.

I think that is all I really have for now...I gotta do some catch up on NBA scores. I hope that this letter finds you all well. Have a great Thanksgiving...I hope that my emails have made you realize how much you all have to be thankful for....I know that my two months here have made me realize it infinitely. Take care. Ala kan si ke nege bere ye (May God make your age as strong as an iron rod...they get a kick out of that one coming out of the white guys mouth =)

Love and Peace, Matt

Thank you Matt, your letters have become a much-anticipated event for a lot of folks. Your actions and attitude make us so proud. The world is a nicer place because of you.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

FROM BROWNVILLE:

Brownville Elementary School held their Terrific Kids Assembly at the school gymnasium on Thursday November 18th. Frank Cochrane was our Kiwanian Friend. Terrific Kids for the week were: Kala Hall, Blake Morrison, Dillon Watters, Dakota Howe and Dana Sherwood.

Fifth graders and their parents have been working very hard to raise money for their trip to Boston in May. Three fundraisers, a yard sale, bottle drive and craft table have raised over \$1400 of the \$2500 needed for the trip. For the fourth straight year the class will visit the Museum of Science, Omni Theater, and walk the Freedom Trail. All events will be tied to

the curriculum throughout the year. The class would like to thank everyone who has helped them by donating bottles, making crafts or donating & buying items at our yard sale. Special thanks to Jean Brown at the Brownville Redemption Center for her help and giving us the extra donation on our bottles!

FROM LAGRANGE:

There was a new record set for the 8th Annual Turkey Supper held in LaGrange on Saturday. The supper brought in a whopping \$1079.00 while the raffle tickets netted an incredible \$491.00 (which were mostly sold in advance by the students in the school) giving the PTO a grand total of \$1,570.00. With it being held so close to Thanksgiving this year, the PTO were a little worried that the people wouldn't come....but if you cook turkeys.....they will come and Sat. night proved it. We would like to thank all the volunteers that helped to make it possible this year and all the students for doing a great job selling tickets.....and most of all, Ginny Morrill for leading the pack



through another successful supper.

A glimpse at the rough crowd attending the turkey supper.....Walter is smiling because his belly is full from a wonderful supper! Right Walter?

It took a lot of wonderful folks to put such a huge event together. The LaGrange P.T.O. would like to thank EVERYONE who did ANYTHING to help.

Pictured below are Kelsey Ottmann and Paige McGuinness.....some of the younger helpers at the turkey supper. Joe Beres is shown in the background.



Below are students and former students of the M.C. Cook School tending to the raffle at the turkey supper.



L - R George Cowing, Trevor Lyford, Bryan Russell and Richie Russell

A happy dinner going through the serving line.



This was our most successful Turkey Supper yet! More than \$1500 was raised that will benefit the Marion C. Cook School students. All the dinners left happy and full. Above are a few faces in the large crowd.



Shae Grant, Isaiah Bess and Lauren Crocker were honored as Terrific Kids at our November 19th assembly. Ms. Ivy said that Shae has been getting all her work done, is a wonderful reader, an awesome listener and has been trying hard to be a good friend. Mrs. Carter said that Isaiah works hard every day. He had been reading a challenging non-fiction book and is meeting the challenge. Isaiah is always a nice friend. Miss K. is very happy that Lauren is back in our school. She is an excellent worker and role model. Lauren is kind to all and has great ideas especially during math class.

Bus Students of the week were Jessica Moulton, JD Hammond and Edward Pierce.

We celebrated the birthdays of Dana Herrick (10), Lauren Crocker (11) and Mrs. Zelkan (lots of clapping). We will not have a Terrific Kid Assembly next week due to Thanksgiving break. We will return on December 3 at 10:50.



The Birthday Girls.



PENQUIS VALLEY SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: High Honors-Erin Beasley, Candice Beaudoin, Elizabeth Comeau, Hilary London, and Michelle Mulherin.

Honors-Derek Brewer, Alexander Creighton, Samantha Ellis, Danielle Graves, Drew Hamlin, Katherine Hamlin, Stephanie Johnston, Elyse Kahl, Jessica LaMunyon, Keri Lundin, Amanda Lutz, James McGuinness, Maria Mills, Brian Salley, Crystal Sanborn, Lindsay Small, and Ashley Williams.

JUNIORS: High Honors-Kylie Palmer.

Honors-Adam Ballash, Mary Belvin, Kelsey Drake, David Giles, Jennifer Hartmann, Tyler Herbst, Matthew Ludden, Tabitha Olmstead, Jamie Perkins, Jeremy Perry, Jennifer Stetson, Melissa Stone, and John Tarnoczy.

SOPHOMORES: Honors-Amber Benoit, Kristen Burch, Elden Chase, Jessica Metros, and Brittany Tweedie.

FRESHMEN: Honors-Cody Andrews, Haley Flanders, Jennifer Goodine, Jessica Kahl, Alex London, Ryan Madden, and Cheryl Roesting.

GRADE 8: High Honors-Emily Mills and Shane Woodard.

Honors-Caitlin Ballard, Bruce Benoit, Shelisha Clark, Logan Greenlaw, Crystal Hathorn, Kimberly Herbest, Aaron Herbst, Joe Leland, Paige McGuinness, Kelsey Ottmann, Morgan Royal, Kasey Sherburne, Randi Smith, Jonathan Spencer, and Asa Sproul.

GRADE 7: Honors-Dawn Bubar, Michelle Bucci, Ashley Burch, Rachel Emery, Shelby Fowles, Ethan Herrell, and Richie Russell.

The Milo District Schools

By Lloyd J. Treworgy
Continued Part XXXV

In 1921 the town did authorize the expenditure of \$5000 to remodel Chase's Hall for classes, both upstairs and down. Examination of the building, however, may have shown the folly of it, for the money was never spent on that project.

Meanwhile, after a year or two more, the 7th and 8th grades were transferred to the grammar school. The downstairs part of Chase's Hall was put into passable condition for the 1st and 2nd grades of the "war babies" that increased the elementary registration after the close of World War 1, in 1918.

Chase's Hall was condemned for school classes but it continued to serve for some years in spite of this.

Eventually the new elementary school, fronting on Elm St., was opened for use in 1954. From that time on the buildings formerly used for grade schools were closed permanently, for regular classes. The grammar school did, indeed, serve for several years in the late 1960's and early 1970's, to house classes for the retarded. In 1976, it, along with the high school and the old primary school were turned over to Basketville, to be repaired and made use of as a basket factory. Buildings and grounds were transferred, without charge, back gratis, if conditions should ever make necessary a purchase by the town to Basketville, the only stipulation being that the town should have the land of the properties.

As for Chase's Hall, it was sold, sometime after the elementary school was opened, to Kenneth Davis and later purchased by the Bailey Lumber Company.

Retracing our sequence of events now, for a few paragraphs, we find that at the town meeting of 1922, voters approved erection of a new wing for the high school building at a cost of \$20,000. To this money to be raised the town added the \$5000 that had been earmarked the year before for the remodeling of Chase's Hall.

High School registration continued to grow. A report by Superintendent W.H. Sturtevant, in 1921, covering registration for the past nine years, showed 70 in 1912, 130 in 1919, and 180 in 1921. On that last date the High School faculty contained 7 teachers. As it happened, I was one of the seven teachers in 1921, having taken a year's absence from Colby to teach. Let me add further that Helen Johnson, daughter of Levi Johnson, was also a member of the 1921 faculty. Levi Johnson, you will recall I

mentioned earlier for his venture in Latin, at the Stanchfield Ridge School.

One high school serving two communities, both of which have a stake in its operation, is likely to have problems. And indeed a knotty problem arose about 1919, having to do with the distance Derby students had to travel to reach to high school in Milo Village.

This problem became so controversial that at the March 14, 1921 town meeting it accounted for two articles in the town warrant. The first, instructing the school committee to provide a conveyance for the Derby students, was voted down. The second article was approved. It instructed the school committee to allow the Derby students to travel from Derby to Milo on the morning train.

There were two up trains in the morning: the K.I. "Scoot", which reached Milo from Derby between 8:30 and 9 a.m., and the mail train. The scoot went on to Katahdin Iron Works, returning as a down train about 2 p.m. The mail train came up a bit later.

For a year or two the Derby students came up on the scoot. I still remember the utter confusion with the inrush of Derby students, always late, of course, of necessity, during my year of teaching at the school in the school year 1921-22.

After a year or two, the Derby students changed and came up by the mail train. This confusion lasted for only a few years. Its momentum seemed just to fizzle out. Probably by that time cars were common enough to make light of the distance between the two villages.

And that mention of cars makes necessary another strange statement in regard to this Derby transportation issue.

At the town meeting of March 13, 1922, the warrant contained an article "to see if the town will vote to instruct the school committee to provide a team for conveyance of the Derby High School students to the village high school." The article was voted down.

But a TEAM! In 1922! A pair of horses and such conveyance as they might haul, after automobiles had long passed the stage of novelty!

This was no anachronism, though. It cannot be laid to retarded thinking, for the automobile had been long in common use before ingenuity had learned to cope with winter roads.

The old days of breaking roads in winter with a big stick placed crosswise under horse sled runners was long past but the giant snowplows as we know them today had not yet been put into use in northern climates. So the winter snows, offering little hazard to sleighs or pungs or heavily laden horse sleds, made winter driving of cars impossible. Owners just put them into the garage for the winter, blocked them up to spare the pressure on the tires, that weren't so good then as they are now, and locked the garage door until spring.

A few venturesome owners contrived to operate their automobile in a sporting sort of way, with sled runners in place of the front wheels, leaving the rear wheels as they were. Ford put out a car like that for northern climates. In a rudimentary sort of way these were the forerunners of the snowmobile. They couldn't use the fields though and scarcely the roads, for their traction still came from the tires and the tires, even with chains, had difficulty coping with unplowed roads.

Here was a state of travel between horse and automobile, when a no-man's land separated the two: the horse could make it but was too slow for speed's infancy; the automobile was fast but couldn't make it at all!

There was one true anachronism, as between voters and school, however, and I must mention it before proceeding to write the finale of the district schools.

At the March 12, 1933 town meeting, the warrant contained an article "to see if the town will vote to purchase an adding machine for the Commercial Department of the High School." The voters passed over the article, refusing to bring it even to a vote. In this instance, the town hadn't yet caught up with the fast reckoning of the times. It was as far behind the times as we were behind the possibilities of the computer, twenty years ago.

Yes, this decision was a civic anachronism. The townspeople were out of touch.

Or, were they?

Was the decision a bad anachronism or a good anachronism? Remembering the insistence on mental arithmetic in the old district schools—the stretching of minds to keep them sharp and accurate—and the alarming descent into indolence in schools in the present day—I don't know! I don't know!

A more serious anachronism became manifest in the town meeting of March 9, 1914, in which the town refused to purchase a piano for the high school. It was serious enough for the High School Breeze of 1914 to make mention of it.

"We believe," went the Breeze editorial, "that every school should have some kind of musical instrument. Especially a piano would do much to make opening exercises more interesting. Although it was voted down at the recent town meeting, we hope the question will receive further consideration from the citizens of Milo."

A courteous but plaintive protest by students who were NOT pampered!

MILO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Judith Macdougall

My, how fast the weeks go by and this week is Thanksgiving already. It does not seem possible that fall is so far along.

Monday, Pam had to be away and Belinda Raymond was our substitute. That woman is a whirlwind. She went through all the sale books out in the hall. She sorted, organized and neatened them all up. The boxes of paperbacks were especially messed up, but when she got finished everything in the hall looked great. Then Belinda tackled the children's area and worked hard there. She sorted through the alphabet taped books, making more room in that area and also worked hard on the little tubs of juvenile paperback books. She discarded some of the shabbiest books and took a tub of the out-of-season titles downstairs to store until summer making more floor room in the juvenile space. Both the children's area and the sale area in the hall look so neat thanks to Belinda's time in the library. Keeping things neat is an ongoing project as books come in and books must go out to keep things balanced.

These last few weeks we have been pleasantly surprised to see so many men in the library. Men read, but so often, it is the wives who come in to take out books for their husbands. Lately though, more men have been coming in to select their own books, to use the computers, to help youngsters on the computers, to read magazines and newspapers and, best of all, to read to their children in the juvenile area. We are so glad that they feel comfortable in the library atmosphere and most certainly welcome them. Now that the Kiwanis Kids Korner is over for the year during which many fathers picked up their "Kids", we are glad to see men bringing their children to the library.

We had a new genealogy given to us by Dr. Ralph Monroe. It is the genealogy of Francis Lyford who was born about 1645 in England and died December 17, 1723 in Exeter, NH. If anyone wishes to study it, please come in and ask to do so. Genealogy material does not circulate but is always available to study here. With our photocopier we can copy any pages that you wish on genealogy material.

We also received some donated books from Bessie Blodgett. Although many of these books have older copyright dates, they are popular authors and fill in our collection. Thank you, Bessie. I know our readers will be glad to have these titles available.

Cameron, Stella
Christie, Agatha

COLD DAY IN JULY
BLACK COFFEE
MURDER IN MESOPOTAMIA
THE SEVEN DIALS MYSTERY
THE UNEXPECTED GUEST
THE ANNIVERSARY
SHALLOW GRAVE
STALKER
FLESH AND BLOOD
MONSTER
PRIVATE EYES

Gutman, Amy
Harrod-Eagles, Cynthia
Kellerman, Faye
Kellerman, Jonathan

Kienzle, William
Patterson, James
Patterson, Richard North
Dexter, Colin
Sandford, John

SILENT PARTNER
TILL DEATH
JACK & JILL
NO SAFE PLACE
THE REMORSEFUL DAY
CHOSEN PREY
EASY PREY
MORTAL PREY

Remember we will have the Preschool Story Time on Monday, Dec. 6 at the library from 1:30-2:30. All preschoolers are welcome. Caregivers are expected to stay. Melissa Hill is the director.

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

Please note that the library will be closed on Friday, November 26. Open Saturday Nov. 27

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathy Witham
Remember

when the Sears and Roebuck Christmas Catalog used to arrive in the mail. Next to Christmas Day itself, it was the biggest day of the year. When my brother and I were little kids the toy pages of the catalog were all dog-eared. As we grew and matured the clothing section got the most use. Then I got married and had children and the toy pages got dog-eared again. Full circle with a Christmas Catalog.



Mom used to have me choose a doll just as soon as the catalog arrived. I think she'd have me pick two or three and then I wouldn't know for sure just which one I was going to get. She'd send for the doll and it would hang out in her closet until all of the clothes were made for it. Each of my dolls had a full wardrobe of clothing. Each one also had her own suitcase or something to keep the wardrobe in. One year it was a little three drawer bureau with all the clothes in it....another year a trunk...and yet another year I got a baby bathinette with the doll clothes neatly laid out in the tub.

Can you remember bathinettes? They were the forerunner of the changing table. A rubber bathtub with a little hose hanging down from the drain area was clamped off to keep the water in the tub....or let the water out after bath time. The whole top lifted up from the front to expose this rubber tub. There was a little sling in the tub area to lay baby on for safe handling. When you lifted baby out of the tub area, you held baby in his or her cozy towel while you lowered the changing tray. Then you were ready to lay the baby on it. There was a long tray that ran the length of the thing, under the tub part. Baby's layette was all stacked neatly on that shelf. When baby was old enough to sit up in the family bathtub, the bathinette was folded away and kept for the next baby. I have a vague memory of our baby bathinette. By the time I was old enough to want to play with it, ours was getting pretty ragtag. It had been through the two of us, and probably several cousins. All in all this European invention



was pretty inconvenient. Unless you filled and emptied with pails, you'd have to be set up pretty close to the plumbing. I'm glad bathinettes had gone out of style by the time my kids were born!

I was a doll player...always feathering my bedroom nest. Almost all of my Christmas toy choices revolved around my desire to have a family and keep house. Most of my friends were of like mind. There would be much discussion each year before Christmas about what we might be expecting for presents to add to our childish housekeeping wants and needs. We could set up housekeeping in a heartbeat with our stash of household toys. The top of my bureau had permanent burners colored on it...I had to have a stove you know!

My brother's wish list usually consisted of, among other things, board games. He loved board games and took full responsibility for keeping his in pristine condition. Always careful to put the game away exactly like it was when he got it out, he never trusted me to do that....and I was the happier for it. He had certain neighborhood friends that he played his board games with, and not that I cared because I was never very good at board games, but I wasn't usually invited. My brother also liked to dig in the dirt with toy trucks and cars. You could find him out in the yard by the *brrrrrrr* noise that his lips were making. When he played cars and trucks he liked to play alone, and I think the reason he did was that playing alone meant he didn't have to share his toys nor worry about somebody breaking or losing them. He, too, loved the Sears Christmas Catalog and so many fights ensued over who was going to have the catalog to look at....and when.

When we were kids Mom used to fill out an order form from the Christmas Catalog and mail it in to the company. When my kids were little, though, you could take your order right into Cyril Comeau's Sears Catalog store, and his freight would come right to the store and you could go and pick your items up there. This was the ultimate in luxury because you could also return things there if the order wasn't what you expected. Cyril was the kind of middleman you wanted to have around. Cyril also sold appliances that you could buy right off the showroom floor. Almost everyone had Kenmore appliances in their homes during the 70's. Cyril's son Mike, and his wife Angie, ran the catalog store for some years after his father retired. Sears then closed their catalog stores, and that was the end of that convenient era. It truly was nearly as good as having a big department store right in your own little town.

Just a week to go before our lighted Christmas village goes up. Since my husband is home all the time now, and he's got lots of time to ponder and build, maybe Witham Village will take on a different dimension this year. If you factor in the three new pieces that we bought at Rite Aid last year when they went on sale after Christmas, we're definitely going to have a new look. I'm starting to get excited just writing this.

We made a trip to Portland last weekend to do a little shopping, visit Lori and John and our precious Jack for overnight, and then go to see our beautiful little grand daughters in Brunswick on Saturday. I've gotten in the habit of seeing them every other weekend. Now that winter is coming and their father is all moved out of his house in Milo, their trips to Milo will probably be less frequent. That's okay by me because, fortunately, the road to Brunswick goes both ways.

Here's a great recipe that's been around as long as I have. These are great to serve in a party setting or give for a gift at holiday time. They are also pretty easy.

Magic Cookie Bars

1-1/2 cups corn flake crumbs
3 Tablespoons sugar
1/2-cup (1 stick) regular margarine or butter (melted)
1 cup chopped walnuts
1 can Sweetened Condensed Milk
1 cup chocolate morsels
1-1/2 cups flaked coconut

Measure the corn flake crumbs, sugar and melted butter into a 13X9X2 inch baking dish and mix well. With the back of a tablespoon press the mixture evenly and firmly into the bottom of the pan to form a crust. Sprinkle the walnuts evenly over the crust. Then scatter the chocolate morsels over the walnuts. Sprinkle the coconut evenly over the chocolate morsels and then pour the sweetened condensed milk evenly over the coconut.

Bake in a 350°oven about 25 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges. Cool and cut into bars.

I make corn flake crumbs by putting the corn flakes in a zip lock bag and after letting the air out...zip the bag shut and roll over it several times with a rolling pin. Remember you need a cup and a half of **crushed** corn flakes.

THANKS!

I would like to thank all my friends and family for the cards and flowers after my surgery. Thanks to my co-workers at Penquis Kitchen for the lovely sunshine box. Also thanks Walter for the surprise each day.

It means a lot to know so many people care.

Sincerely Linda Lougee

BACK ALONG WEATHER

From Grammie's weather diary.

NOVEMBER – 1966

22 & 23-Sunny.

24-Cloudy L rain in evening.

25-Foggy cloudy.

26-Cloudy.

27 & 28-Cloudy & misty.

The Town Crier **March 5, 1964**

League Bowling
Individual Averages

F. Small-107.10, N. Richards-106.21, R. Knowles-106.18, C. Lyford-105.12, R. Morrill-104.18, S. Ellis-103.12, K. Foster-103.01, D. Cail-101.16, C. Smith-101.13, B. Long-101.11, R. Badger-101.10, O. Henderson-101.13, R. Artus-100.26, M. Pelkey-100.11, and J. Willinski-100.

UP ON THE FARM (ACTUALLY, DOWN AT THE SHELTER) A BIG WAG OF THE TAIL AND SHAKE OF THE PAW TO:

We have had a lot of acts of kindness at P.A.W.S in the past few weeks and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those we can. Many donations are made anonymously and we collectively thank those of you who have done so.

The first person we need to thank is Shirley Dean of Milo. Julie's Mom has provided us with tons of cleaners and paper towels and other items we need for keeping the shelter clean and sparkly. She is also fostering a very lucky little kitten that survived being abandoned by her kitty mama. Because of Shirley's loving touch, little Penny is thriving.



Taylor Severance, a student at the Cook School in LaGrange, was read an article about the shelter by Ms. K. and decided to donate some food to help us through our busy spell. We appreciate all of the help she and the other students give us.

Gayle Ricker has done an incredible amount of handiwork and donated countless blankets to P.A.W.S.

Theda Hussey has become a good friend of our cause and dropped off a huge bag of Purina Cat Chow.

Denise and Paul Robertson are constantly giving items to the shelter.

Alan Franklin has consistently given us a monthly donation. Our bills are all paid for the month, so far, thanks to folks like you who keep the cans at the Milo Farmer's Union filled.

And speaking of the Milo Farmer's Union, the help we get from the board and employees of this wonderful store is priceless.

Sandy Smart, one of P.A.W.S.' dedicated volunteers, spends a lot of extra time at the shelter, and this weekend she winter-proofed the cellar bulkhead. Time is one of our scarcest commodities, so when someone gives us theirs, we are very grateful.

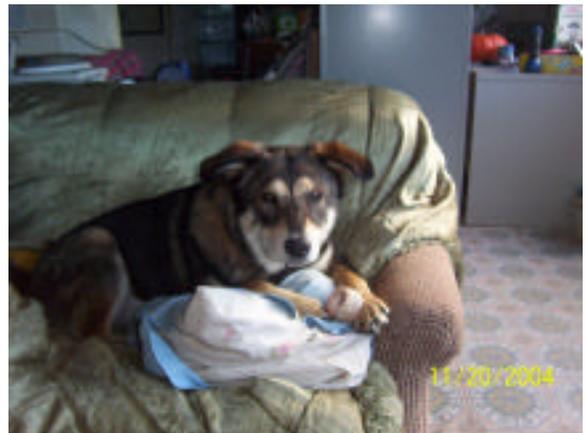
We received a handwritten note with money in it and the note merely said, "For P.A.W.S.". These types of donations help the animals as well as our hearts. Thank-you everyone.

We have gotten started on our spaying and neutering of the feral colony we trapped in Brownville. We have gotten 5 of 28 done, and will continue to plug

away. It would be so much easier if we could convince the kitties that we are doing this for their own good!! The females are especially wild and aggressive. We have to capture them all over again and they have had a few weeks to build up their strength and their tempers. We are concentrating on the girls that are old enough to get pregnant first, and then we will move on to the boys.

We have the fellows in a room by themselves, the girls in another room, and the young kittens in another. The kittens are adorable!! There are 3 coon kittens that are so sweet they should have their pictures on a calendar. But looking sweet and acting sweet are two very different things!! I grabbed the one that is the exact image one thinks of when they hear "Maine Coon Cat" and was holding her when Julie came into the room and said, "Wow, she's letting you hold her!" I said "Yup", and it was at that moment that the precious little darling yowled, sung her cute little fangs into my nose, then my chin, and then my finger. Julie and I laughed like crazy women as blood dripped from the two punctures on my face. We can only imagine what people think when they see us in public. We are both usually sporting some form of battle-scar.

We have placed an ad in the Bangor Daily News to try and place these cute but touchy darlings. Julie and I constantly joke with each that there must be folks out there who want to adopt a very beautiful cat that they will never be able to touch. Actually, with work and patience, these little guys would probably become at least tolerant of humans, maybe even appreciative. Nonetheless, they still deserve a lifetime home and we will work to find them one.



Buddy, pictured above, is ready for adoption. He was abandoned here in Milo and is a wonderful fellow. He has been neutered and had his shots. He is an energetic guy and very loving. He needs room to romp and play and occasionally gets it in his head to run off, so he would need to be fenced in or tethered. He loves other dogs and he likes cats as well. He chases cats but once he catches up to them he just wants to play. If you are looking for a playmate for your dog, Buddy is perfect.

It's time to head to the shelter and get things ready for Gracie, the Birthday Girl. Gracie is Eunice and Ronnie Preble's granddaughter and she has decided that instead of birthday presents for herself she wants her friends to donate to P.A.W.S. This is the second time we have been the recipient of such a wonderful gesture and we love it when the honoree brings the gifts to us. The residents at the shelter love it also. Young people are a treat for the animals, as is what they bring with them.

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS NEWS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meets at The Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30 to eat breakfast, 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 Dorothy Brown or any other Kiwanian for an application. We are involved in many worthwhile local projects and would be very pleased to have you participate in them.

November 17, 2004 MEETING MINUTES

President Murrel Harris greeted twenty-one members this morning. Eben DeWitt led the flag salute. Edwin Treworgy led us in prayer, asking for blessings for all of us, for our lives are in such contrast to others in the world, what we do and what we have and special blessings for the sick and infirm. Again we pray for Merna and her family as she remains in a Portland hospital.

Inspirational reading was by Don Harris, titled "Life Begins at Eighty" by Frank C. Laubach. Good news for you. The first eighty years are the hardest. The second eighty years are a succession of birthday parties. Once you reach eighty everyone wants to carry your baggage and help you up the steps. If you forget your telephone number, your grandchildren's names, or, forget an appointment, you just have to say you are eighty. It is lot better to be eighty than seventy. At 70 people are mad at you for everything. At 80 you have the perfect excuse no matter what you do if you act foolishly; it's your second childhood. Everybody is looking for symptoms for softening of the brain. Being seventy is no fun at all. They expect you to retire to Florida and complain about arthritis. If you survive until eighty, everybody is surprised that you are still alive. They treat you with respect for just having lived so long. So please folks, try and make it until eighty. It is the best time of life. People forgive you for anything. If you ask me, life begins at 80.

Guests introduced today were Roger, Stan, Wayne and Ken from Orono/Old Town Kiwanis Club.

Orono/Old Town Newsletter was passed around for club members to read.

Ethelyn Treworgy celebrated a birthday today on the 17th, Jerry Salley and Zachary Lyford on the 19th, and Kent Ladd on 21st.

Seventeen Happy and Sad dollars were donated today for being glad to be back from Florida, for a beautiful day, for the wonderful Veteran's Day Dinner at the Milo Town Hall, a sad dollar because of missing the Veteran's Day Dinner, a concerned dollar for Merna, a happy dollar for just being here in Maine, happy dollar for all the great work that the key club did for the Veteran's Day Dinner, a happy dollar for the wonderful job Val did in making such a great dinner, a proud dollar for the wonderful Key Club at Penquis with about 40 youth now in the club, and a dollar for Ethelyn trying to "catch up" to Ed.

Chris Beres reported on Terrific Kids Assembly.

Trish reported on an active Key Club. Fifteen Key Club members served at the Veteran's Day Dinner, Key Club bought five turkeys and donated them to the Turkey Drive in Bangor. Three Key Club members went to Manna in Bangor last week; other members will be decorating a Christmas tree at Milo Farmers Union on the 28th. Coats for Kids are in progress. Please give any coats or jackets to any Key Club Member or any Kiwanian. Trish announced that an American Red Cross blood drive would be on Dec. 15th at Penquis, sponsored by the Key Club. Please remember to help our Key Club by donating blood for this very, very important activity. 50 units of blood is the Key Club goal. The American Red Cross will speak at the next Key Club meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18. On Tuesday, Nov. 23 Key Club Induction will take place at PVHS at 7 pm. Ashley Case, Secretary of Key Club and Tristan Simonian, Class Rep., were our breakfast guests at Kiwanis meeting this morning at The Restaurant.

Eben DeWitt will be speaking at Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis on Tuesday, Nov. 30, and at Dexter on Dec. 3.

Fantastic congratulations to Val for the wonderful dinner last week at Milo Town Hall for the Veterans of the area and their families.

Murrel reported on Secret Santa, advising that names are now being collected, and that money has started coming in.

Murrel also reported that the club secretary, Dot Brown, and spouse would be attending the *Kiwanis Fall Training Conference* in Plymouth, Mass from Friday, Nov. 19-21.

It was announced that one of our guests today, Jan Barton, has completed an application for membership in our Three Rivers Kiwanis Club. Welcome Jan!

Today's speakers were Russell Carey and Ian Carey. They gave a delightful talk about their wonderful bicycle trip across the USA. They traveled 3600 hundred miles in 50 days, averaging 80 miles a day this summer. They traveled 45 days, with five eight days off for resting. It rained in New York and Canada only. America by Bike laid out the route, and those folks traveled with them carrying their water and food, setting up places for them to stay at night. Russell said it was always something he wanted to accomplish. Ian advised that it took about five months of convincing to set off on the trip! Ian also said that Jackson Hole, Wyoming was the best part for him as well as the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. He also said that the worst heat was 117 degrees, and that Mt. Rushmore was the hardest climb, no shoulders on the road and many tractor-trailers! Russell and Ian shared many beautiful photos of this astounding country. We thank them for a thrilling speak!

The speaker for next week will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.