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The Milo Garden Club will hold its Christmas pot luck dinner at the Town Hall on Dec. 14 at 12:00 noon, Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert, your place setting, a wrapped gift for exchange and things for the Ronald McDonald House. Any potential member is welcome to attend.. Call Joanne at 943-2486.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!!

Santa arrives at the Milo Town Hall on Saturday, December 11th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon and will be at the Milo Town Hall again on December 18th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Santa is sponsored by the Milo Three Rivers Kiwanis.



MSAD #41/68 Even Start Family Literacy Program Holds Fall Event

The MSAD #41/68 Even Start Family Literacy Adult Education Program held a Fall Family Literacy Event on Wednesday, October 27 at the Milo United Methodist Church. The parents planned the event including children's activities, a potluck supper, and Halloween Safety Tips for Families.

The children's activities included pumpkin decorating using paints or markers. Stutzman's Farms in Sangerville donated the pumpkins. The children also made a styrofoam cup spider with their parents. Several parents read pumpkin and Halloween books to the children. The favorite book and flannel board story read by a parent was The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid Of Anything by Linda Williams.

The families enjoyed the potluck supper. Twenty-seven parents, children, and staff attended the event. The parents passed out decorated surprise bags to the children to take home.

On November 1, National Family Literacy Day, the parents celebrated by choosing a specific reading activity to do with each of their children. Many parents did the activity in the parent and Child Together (PACT) time. Some examples of the reading activities included: 1. Let your child pick his favorite book to read out loud. Show him the title on the cover and the author's name before reading. 2. Help your child make labels for some things in her room, like "door" and "bookcase". Hang the labels in the room together. 3. Recite a nursery rhythm or poem, one line at a time. Ask your child to repeat each line after you. 4. Play "I spy" game by asking your child to find an object that starts with a particular letter. " I spy something that starts with the letter 'B'. 5. Read a story out loud with your child. Let him turn the pages for you. 6. Look at the pictures in a book or a magazine. Talk about the colors you see. " This flower is blue. What else is blue?" 7. Talk about something you are thankful for. Ask your child what he is thankful for. The parents and children had fun doing these reading activities.

Please call 943-2246 for more information about the Even Start program.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Having a little trouble getting in the Christmas spirit? Need a little time to relax before getting into all those holiday tasks?



Come to the Red Earth Riverside Café on Main Street in Milo on Saturday, Dec. 11, and sing along with THE NOTABLES!

The group will entertain at 6pm and again at 7pm. Reservations are suggested. You won't want to miss the NOTABLES premier performance!

Saturday, December 11, 2004 at 7:00pm

VOICES OF CHRISTMAS at the **Brownville Jct. United Methodist Church** on the corner of Front



Street and Railroad Avenue in Brownville Jct. Come enjoy a musical evening of songs sung by the choir and with Congregational singing to celebrate the birth of our King. All are welcome.



BLOOD DRIVE

DECEMBER 15, 2004

3:00 – 7:00

PENQUIS VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

To Schedule an appointment please call Trish Hayes at 943-7317. Please help us meet our goal of 50 Units!

Sponsored by the PVHS Key Club

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MEALS FOR ME. MENU

TUES., DEC. 7	PASTA PRIMAVERA, CORN, BREAD STICKS, LEMON YOGURT SQUARES
WED., DEC. 8	MEATLOAF, GRAVY, MASHED POTATO, SCALLOPED POTATO, PUMPKIN CHOC. CHIP COOKIE
THUR., DEC. 9	BAKED CHICKEN, STUFFING, MASHED POTATO, SPINACH, FROSTED CAKE
FRI., DEC. 10	SPANISH HOT DOGS, MASHED POTATO, CABBAGE, APPLESAUCE SQUARE
MON. DEC. 13	MAC AND CHEESE, BROCCOLI, APPLE

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.

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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!

Brownville Trivia

BY BILL SAWTELL

Choose the best answer.

1. Brownville is "short" on the (a) north (b) east (c) west (d) south side.
2. Lt. Alice Zwicker grew up on (a) Pleasant Street (b) High Street (c) Church Street (d) Main Street.
3. The Shephard and Morse Mill had a very unique (a) kitchen (b) bunkhouse (c) plane saw (d) dry kiln
4. The Pleasant River has (a) one (b) two (c) three (d) four branches.

5. Francis Brown was Moses Brown's (a) cousin (b) son (c) nephew (d) brother.
6. Brownville has had as many as (a) five (b) six (c) seven (d) eight churches.
7. The Railroaders once scored (a) 111 (b) 125 (c) 136 (d) 143 points in a single game.
8. Jake Larson the (a) mail man (b) ice man (c) milk man (d) meat man.
9. (a) a swimming pool (b) an observatory (b) a museum (d) both (b) and (c).
10. Helen Stickney might have voted for (a) Harding (b) Kennedy (c) Lincoln (d) Cleveland the first time.

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

Memories of a Brownville Junction Railroader

BY BILL SAWTELL

Baseball

The Tom Wallace Era and Beyond

Miscellaneous notes : Catcher Mike Knox was another coach on the field, a perfect take charge guy, keeping everybody on his toes and totally controlling the fine hurlers, like Tom Wallace and Tom Durant, two opposites in style. Knox was a natural born leader and retired in the Air Force as a full bird.

His cousin Jim Owens was a fine left handed hitter, who could lay one down as well as anybody I have seen. Jim was also a terror on the basepaths in a positive sense. He was a great baserunner and had great instincts.

Jim's brother John was a part-time pitcher who had considerable power and also hit from the left side. As a pitcher, he had good stuff, but sometimes couldn't get it over.

After Little League, the Owens's little brother Peter didn't go far in baseball.

Ronnie Harris was good with the glove around first base and could hit for power. Ronnie hit from the right side.

His brother David hit from the left and was a fine hitter, who never played much high school ball.

Larry Larson had those strong, quick wrists and could hit the ball out of any park (he did in Greenville). He was a fine fielder and quick afoot.

He loved the game as did all of us during the Tom Wallace Era.

Galen Larson, Larry's older brother, a left-handed slugger, could also go deep, especially in softball. I remember plying centerfield in the cinders with Galen at the plate and still chasing the balls he hit.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

The following web address is used by our area schools. Check it out for school news and events.

<http://msad41.us/>



SCHOOL ROCKS!!!

On Friday afternoon, December 3rd, the students from the Marion C. Cook School, Brownville Elementary and Milo Elementary were treated to a fantastic concert at Milo Elementary. Entertaining for the afternoon was the local-band-headed-for-the-big-time Rivertown. The band members are all



former students in MSAD#41 and are home from Nashville for a few weeks. They generously offered their time and talent to perform for our elementary school students. As the pictures will show, a good time was had by all! Everyone was rockin' an' a-rollin' (can you say that about country music?!). It was a great way to spend a Friday afternoon.

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Mrs. Carter's class opened our December 3rd assembly with the song, "No More Kings." The song is part of their Social Studies unit about American History.



Terrific Kids were Lindsay Turner, Dakota Knowlton and Elsie Audibert. Mrs. Zelkan was our Kiwanian friend. Mrs. Carter said that Lindsay is always terrific. She is trying very hard to remember to raise her hand before answering questions. Lindsay volunteers to help in the classroom and is a very good worker. Ms. Ivy recognized Dakota Knowlton for the improvement in his writing. Dakota is a wonderful reader and a kind friend. Miss K. said the Elsie is always a Terrific Kid. Elsie was a new fifth grade student at the beginning of the year. She has worked hard to fit into our class. She always does extra homework and is very responsible.

Bus Students of the Week: Samantha Noke, Dyan Rozelle and Laura Gray. Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.

BASKETBALL CLINIC

The Penquis Valley Middle School girls basketball team held a basketball clinic on Saturday at the Brownville gym to raise money for warm up t-shirts and pants. There was a wonderful turnout. The team split up into stations and worked on different skills and ball handling drills, then the kids were broken down into 6 teams and played scrimmages. Between games and drills, names were drawn and each child who attended took home a gift. We would like to thank the parents who stayed



and helped out and a big thank you to the new owner of Reuben's Market, Will, for donating 6 large pizzas for the team to sell.



The Milo District Schools

By Lloyd J. Treworgy
Continued Part XXXVII

This is a second and quite different story about Milo's district schools. It is a sequel to the account of the primitive but very effective old district facilities that I put into the hands of the Milo Historical Society officials earlier.

This story stays within the memory of Milo's living senior citizens. It attempts to put a reading glass on the period between 1910 and 1922-the final date of operation of the last district school in Milo. Its objective is to catch something of the human interest that flourished in and around those old buildings and around the town that supported them - before the laughter and tears, the pranks and the whoppings moulder away and nothing remains but dry names.

Quite a few of Milo's senior citizens living today went to school between those dates. And many an experience comes back into prodded memories as sharply focused as on the day it occurred.

Happily for this postscript, these memory pictures take us back into another day when schooling was different and life moved more slowly. Clothing, recreation, transportation, environment-the whole lifestyle lights up a period now dead but vividly remembered.

Even the population pattern was quite different. Old roads that are choked with bushes today were edged with broad fields and blessed with near neighbors sixty or seventy years ago. Farms that abutted on them bustled with activity rang with shouts and laughter, housed large families and sent a numerous troop of scholars off to the district school mornings.

Let's take a look at one such road.

About three years ago, Ira Gould and Kenneth Stanchfield returned one day to the site of the old Stanchfield Ridge schoolhouse where they had gone to school more than sixty years ago.

They drove up the Ramsdell Road (first left off the Lakeview Road) in their jeep. At the four corners they found their vehicle couldn't take them any farther. The rest of the way to the old schoolhouse site was impassable - even though it was summer and their jeep had a four-wheel drive!

The "four corners", of course, meant the place where the Ramsdell Road crossed the old Ryder Road. The Ryder Road, you remember from the earlier story, ran from the back Brownville road to the ridge Road (second turn left off the Lakeview Road). Beyond the four corners, the Ryder Road became the "Schoolhouse Road" the rest of the way to its terminus with the Ridge Road, half a mile or more up from the Lakeview Road. It carried this name because the Stanchfield Ridge schoolhouse stood on this stretch.

If you were on the Ramsdell Road, at the four corners, therefore, in the old days, you had to make a right turn to get to the schoolhouse. So, when you pulled on the right rein, at the four corners, many years ago, your house turned slowly into the Schoolhouse Road, drawing your carriage after him. Your horse was in no hurry and neither were you, in those days.

After turning, you noticed first, on the left, an orchard. (It is still there). The orchard belonged to the Smart farm. The Smart residence was a little farther along on the Schoolhouse Road.

The Smarts, Austin and Flora, had a large family, quite common then. They had twelve children - Kit, Daisy, Harry, Percy, Edna, Grace, Lulu, Elva, Mildred, Aura, Earl and Teddy.

A little beyond the Smart residence, and a bit farther back from the road, stood the schoolhouse. If you can find a copy of the "Town Crier", of January 20, 1977, you will find a picture of the schoolhouse inside. I say "if you can find a copy", because it may be years and years after 1977 when you read this. (We did find a copy and the picture is printed below).





This photo is of the Stanchfield Ridge School taken sometime between 1880 and 1912. It was on the road connecting Ramsdell Road and the Stanchfield Ridge Road.

The schoolhouse was once painted red and it doesn't look like much in the photograph but it was the scene of many tender memories.

Beyond the schoolhouse on that same crossroad was the farm of Frank Stanchfield. Frank and Susan also had a rather large family by today's standards. They had eight children - Delia, Marguerite, Kenneth, Luther, Norman, Frank, Pauline and Shirley

So you can easily believe that the Stanchfield Ridge schoolhouse drew a good many scholars from the environs within its district. District 4, it was, and its boundaries included the Ramsdell Road and the Ridge Road, both well populated and part of the back Brownville Road (after the Murray District school was closed in 1895) - as well as the Schoolhouse road.

So Kenneth Stanchfield, who had once lived just beyond the schoolhouse and Ira Gould, who had lived on the Ridge Road many years ago, drove up the Ramsdell Road one summer day about three years ago and left their jeep at the four corners. Even with its four-wheel drive and in a dry season, it still couldn't negotiate the path that was all that was left on the old Schoolhouse Road.

There were no houses standing along that path any more; Kenneth and Ira quickly noticed that. Only the remains of old cellars and frost-heaved foundations remained. And these, the original forest was quietly and greedily claiming for its own. The locale was too quiet, much too quiet, for the old neighborhood that had been anything but quiet! It seemed as if the old community had drawn its breath and then not dared to let it out - for fear of disturbing the wild creatures around. The surrounding had a Rip Van Winklish appearance. More than Rip Van Winklish! Rip had slept for twenty years; THIS community had slept for sixty!

Traditions of a Milo-ite

by Kathy Witham

There are definitely wonderful aspects of having your husband retire and you still go to work. The other night I came home from work and my retiree was sitting in his recliner with a cookbook in his hands. He was trying to nail down a menu for a dinner party that we are planning. Unbelievable!! Go for it!! I was thrilled and will agree to any plan that he comes up with. He's the chef, and a darn good one at that. He also does laundry...spotting stains and all! He's learning what to dry in the dryer and what to line dry. He doesn't iron yet, but I know he could if necessary.

Another thing that I've enjoyed since my hubby's retirement is the fact that he's almost always there to do errands for me, if necessary. Take today for instance. I needed him to bring me a menu from The Restaurant. Up to Brownville he came in just a few minutes with the menu in hand. I knew that having a retired husband had it's advantages because my friend and coworker Lynn Weston has a retired husband. Charlie has been a model retiree. For those of you who may be dreading this "having your spouse retired while you go to work each day" take heart. It ain't half bad!!! As a matter of fact, I recommend it.

Christmas is going to be different around here this year. Maintaining many of our old traditions, we are limiting the gift giving. We can't afford to give as much as we have in years past, and so we've decided there is no time like the present to change that. I think that my kids are saying, "Oh she says that every year," but I am saying it this year....and meaning it. I can't resist buying for my grandchildren...and I'm finding it hard to keep things under control, but I'm trying to keep their gifts to four apiece. That's still 16 gifts!

The number of presents under our tree has always been obscene. I've always justified it by reminding the people who were staring incredulously at our tree that there were eleven people's gifts under our tree. This year I want the stash to be more modest. As my dear father would have said, "We'll see." My mother never presented a modest tree. It was always overloaded. In that respect, if a Christmas tree were an apple tree, there would be a big juicy red one directly under the tree....representing me!!

The decorating is coming along slowly. I usually don't get my tree decorations out until after my daughter's birthday...which is December 6th, but I'm getting anxious because I'm putting up two trees this year...and decorating both of them with lights and ornaments and garland and the whole works. I've decided to do a tree with all of my grandmother's and my mother's ornaments on it. Our regular big tree in the living room will have all of the ornaments that I've given to the kids and the grandkids over the years. The new tree in the dining room will have the antique and nostalgic ornaments on it. Sounds like a plan.

Speaking of trees, The Chic In Red of Milo Maine Chapter of the Red Hat Society had a gathering of some magnitude last night at the Down Home Bed and Breakfast. Sylvia's tree is absolutely gorgeous!! Done in Victorian colors, it's a gorgeous focal point of her whole house this season. A more traditional smaller tree is in the living room. The whole idea for our party started last summer when we had our Queen's Tea. Wouldn't it be fun to do glamour shots.....yeah right!!.....have a pajama party, and watch the movie Calendar Girls. One thing led to another and the party took place last night as Sylvia Black's guests at the Down Home Bed and Breakfast. What a great evening!!!

Makeup, mirrors, hats and boas were strewn about her dining room. Snacks and glasses of wine were nestled in amongst the regalia. The photographer came and we all posed....individually and as a group. It amazes me how unpretentious we small town Yankee women are. Glamour isn't in our vocabulary....much less our blood. When we were little girls, and we played dress-up, "glamour" was the operative word. We all wanted to wear the fur coat, the cinch belts and the adorable dresses in the twin's dress-up clothes trunk. Our mother's castoffs were fair game. We actually shopped for dress-up clothes at the Ayuda Club Rummage Sale twice a year. Clothes and jewelry were high on our shopping lists when we'd hit that sale. We were also

into spike heels, hats and gloves. Speaking of apples not falling far from the tree....the picture is of my granddaughter. She gets her legs from her grandmother.



The movie was hilarious and we fantasized.....oh how we fantasized.....and believe me, folks, we gave our own calendar serious thought. But, I wouldn't look for it out on the stands before Christmas.....maybe next year! I'm not sure that the Town of Milo is totally ready for a Red Hat Society chapter, much less a "calendar!" Let me clarify something before you get the wrong idea. The ladies who did the "calendar" aren't in any way connected to The Red Hat Society. They did, however, belong to a ladies organization that was extremely successful at raising money for cancer research.....and a sofa.

Sylvia served a delicious Finnish Pancake this morning. She graciously gave me the recipe to include in this column.

Finnish Pancake

- 8 large eggs
- 1 quart milk
- 3 to 4 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 lb. butter

Melt the 1/4 lb butter in a 12" X 16" cake pan. Mix thoroughly with beater - milk and eggs; then add sugar, salt and flour. Pour mixed batter over melted butter. Bake in 450 degree oven for 20-23 minutes. Cut recipe in half for 9"

X 13" pan or in thirds for an 8" X 8" pan. Serve with maple syrup, jelly or butter.

Sylvia served it with an apple/cranberry sauce this morning: 3 large apples, peeled and sliced, 1 1/2 cup apple juice, 4 tablespoons sugar, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/2 cup dried, sweetened cranberries. Cook until apples are soft and then stir in cornstarch mixed with water until thickened. Serve warm with the Finnish Pancake. Also, you can substitute raisins for the cranberries.

IN MEMORIAM

Arnold E. Coy

MILO and OCEANSIDE, CA - Arnold E. "Ed" Coy, 89, died November 19, 2004, at his home in California. He was the son of Aubrey E. and Sue (Call) Coy. Ed was a retired Ford Motor Company Manager in Massachusetts and Ohio, and lived in Oceanside since 1978. He had earned a Silver Star in infantry action during World War II. Ed loved golf and shot "his age" from 75 to 84 years of age. He was a member of the Oceanside Elks Lodge No. 1561. Ed was predeceased by his parents, and his wife Margaret E. (Dickson) Coy of Milo. He leaves 2 sisters, Lois Doyle and Marilyn Zwicker of Portland; 2 daughters, Nancy and her husband Richard Nelson of Oceanside, CA, and Sally Doucette of Stoneham, MA; four granddaughters; four grandsons; 12 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren. Interment will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery, Milo. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to Oceanside Civitan, PO Box 723, Oceanside, CA 92049. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

HERBERT DUSTIN SINCLAIR

MONSON and KING, N.C. - Herbert Dustin Sinclair, 27, left us unexpectedly Nov. 25, 2004, as a result of a car accident. He was born Dec. 17, 1977, in Dover-Foxcroft. Dustin spent most of his life growing up in Monson. He had been in King, N.C., for the last five years, living with girlfriend, Tika Gilham and her children. Dustin would visit his Dad on weekends and they would go fishing or work on an old Subaru to drive around in the woods. He liked to watch movies, and to listen to music with Karen's two girls, Crystal and Susanna. When Dustin was home he and his friends, Raymond, David and Robert, spent a lot of time fishing at Second Davis Pond. Dustin also enjoyed hunting. Dustin is survived by his mother, Robbie Conlogue of Harmony; his father, Herbert C. Sinclair and friend, Karen Meservey, of Sebec; two sisters, Sheena Brown and her husband, Jamie, of Monson, Jessie Dunning of Farmington; one brother, David Dunning and friend, Patty, of Farmington; two nieces and two nephews. He will be remembered by a special friend of the family, Joe Phillips.. Burial will be in Sebec Corner Cemetery.

LAWRENCE D. PERKINS

BROWNVILLE JUNCTION - Lawrence "Larry" D. Perkins, 40, died Dec. 1, 2004, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born Sept. 18, 1964, in Greenville, the son of Millard and Patricia (McAfee) Perkins. He was a graduate of P.C.H.S. in Guilford and worked for O. & R. Lumber in Derby. He attended the Assembly of God Church in Dover-Foxcroft and the United Baptist Church in Milo. He is survived by his father, Millard Perkins and his wife, Norma, of Monson; his mother, Patricia Howard and her husband, Frank, of Dover-Foxcroft; a son, Ian Perkins of Brownville Junction; his paternal grandmother who adopted him, Liz Perkins, of Guilford; two brothers, Terry Perkins and Timothy Perkins and his wife, Bobbie, all of Dover-Foxcroft; a stepbrother, David Wheaton and his wife, Leslie, of Presque Isle; a sister, Malissa Hardy and her husband, David, of Union; stepbrother, Jason Howard of Massachusetts; many aunts, uncles and cousins, nieces and nephews. Friends may call 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, 2004, at the Crosby & Neal Funeral Home, 21 Oak St., Guilford. A graveside service will be held at the Lawn Cemetery in Guilford at a time to be announced. Those who wish may make donations to an educational

fund for Larry's son, Ian. Donations may be sent to Cheryl Worcester, 47 Williams Way, Holden, ME 04429.

LAWRENCE W. DUFFY

EAST MILLINOCKET - Lawrence W. Duffy, 87, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 01, 2004, at a Bangor hospital. He was born March 6, 1917, in Milo, the son of James and Jenny (Surette) Duffy. He was an exceptional house painter and an avid Red Sox fan. He enjoyed fishing trips with his sons into Fowler Pond. "Duffy" worked in the finishing department at Great Northern Paper Company for many years, retiring in 1980. He was very proud of his service to his country in World War II (POW) where he served in Germany. He is survived by his son and his daughter-in-law, Richard and Claudia Violette of East Millinocket; two daughters, Norma Duffy of East Millinocket, and Gail Duffy of Millinocket; one brother, Gerald and his wife, Jean Duffy, of Falmouth; one daughter-in-law, Donna Duffy of East Millinocket; one brother-in-law, Roger Pelletier and his wife, Cathy, of Millinocket; four grandchildren, Jason, Brent, Dreama, Scott; five great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a very special cat, Sophie. He was predeceased by his wife, Alma Pelletier Duffy; his son, Duane; two brothers, James Jr., and Arthur; two sisters, Margarite and Irene. If friends wish, contributions may be made in "Duffy's" memory to the Katahdin Area Support Group, 10 Field St., Millinocket, ME 04462. For online register book, please visit www.bouchardffh.com

The family of Margaret Webb Campbell wishes to express their thanks and gratitude for the cards and condolences sent on her behalf.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Ben and Jill Morey welcomed their first child, a daughter, Carly Jean, on October 7, 2004, at Jupiter Medical Center, in Jupiter, Florida.

Maternal grandparents are Wallace and Nancy Russell of Brownville. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Norma Morey of Milo. Great-grandparents are James and Shirley Fletcher of Bangor, Beverly Chairns of Milo, Charles and Jacky Russell of Milo, and Jacky Brann of Monson.

THREE RIVERS 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.

DECEMBER 1, 2004 MEETING

President Murrel Harris welcomed twenty members this morning and Six Kiwanians from Dover-Foxcroft club. Eben DeWitt led the flag salute while Edwin Treworgy led us in prayer asking for guidance to go in the right direction and praying for the safety and well being of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Don Harris gave the inspirational reading today titled "I Am Alive" by Charlene Ann Baumbich. It is a story about a caring gentleman who had been delivering meals for the elderly. On this day this driver had a new route and was not at all familiar with the seniors on this route. He read the directions carefully, but, one card stood out, it had a big asterisk and the message "he is ninety-eight". The driver delivering the meals was almost afraid of what he might find when he knocked and knocked without an answer. He waited and then knocked even harder again. At that point his hearted started racing, trying to discern his next course of action. Look in the

windows. Call the hot meals facility; call 911? Scream for help? Just as he was beginning to hyperventilate the door began to eke open, ever so slowly. A small man with a twinkle in his eye appeared at the door. "I'm alive!" he bellowed as loudly as a frail person could bellow. The caller assured him that no one was happier about that than himself. He wished that he could spend a longer amount of time with this lively aged person with a wonderful sense of humor. This gentleman must have understood that everyone delivering food to his door was concerned about the same thing. "I'm alive!" May I never forget to celebrate that fact and pass on that beatific angel's message.

President Murrel introduced our guests today, Doc Sherman, Hoyt, Dennis, Brenda, Bonnie and Bob, all members of Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis.

A thank you note was read from Scott Hoar from Kiwanis, New England District HOBY thanking Three Rivers Kiwanis members for kindness shown to other district members at the Fall Training Conference.

Birthdays this week are December 2, Don Hayes, Mike Grindle and Cheryl Hamlin, December 4 is a big day for Frank Cochrane and December 5 is a special day for Lorraine Schinck.

Seventeen Dollars were donated today for Happy and Sad dollars. Dollars were donated for glad to be here, for a grandchild on the way, Key Club Christmas tree lighting, for a hint of a down east accent, for our Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis friend going on a trip to Las Vegas, and several dollars for special "getup" for a special person. Several dollars for a positive and productive Key Club and a request dollar for our president to carry the donation basket.

Chris Beres reported on the Terrific Kids assemblies in Brownville, Milo and LaGrange.

Trish Hayes reported on Key Club activities. The Key Club was responsible for providing the Christmas tree lighting on Sunday evening. Six Kiwanians were in attendance. Music and goodies were also provided for a rainy but fun gathering. Abe Wilinsky was the man of the hour as he lit the tree bringing on the start of the holiday festivities. Three Key Club members were in Bangor this week to assist at Manna. This coming week more Key Club members will be going to Manna to help with wrapping presents for the holiday. On Dec 15 the Key Club will be holding their semi-annual blood drive at PVHS. Please come and make a donation if you are able. It is such a worthwhile and wonderful donation to mankind. The Key Club has a goal of 50 units of blood. PV basketball games will begin next week and Key Club members will be very busy during the basketball season.

Three Rivers Kiwanis interclub was at Dover-Foxcroft this past Tuesday, with Eben, Don Harris, Dot, Chris Almy and George Barton in attendance.

Murrel reported on Secret Santa program, with ninety-nine children thus far who will be provided with some joy during the special day. We expect five Kiwanis members to be shopping this weekend for Secret Santa.

Murrel auctioned off two hockey tickets given to us by Roy Bither. Paul Grindle was the lucky recipient.

Today's speaker was Amber Gahagan who spoke about homelessness in our communities. Amber is a social worker in our district. During the 1990's and since then homelessness has increased to 1.3 million in our nation. The staff in our schools does a wonderful job per Amber. She stated that frequently the staff come in early and stay late for tutoring and assistance in a desperate situation. Mostly, the public does not know how much is actually done by staff.

Some youngsters would choose to sleep outside or sleep in a car rather than leave a school system. The school system is their one connecting thread. Some students have been known to couch surf, staying a night or two at the homes of several friends. Some homeless students go to Shaw House or sleep in motels, trailers or even tents, in good weather. 20% of homeless children do not attend school.

Next week there will not be a speaker. There will be a business meeting on Dec. 8. Eben DeWitt will be the speaker and on Dec. 22 Ed Jones from the Baptist Church in Milo will be the speaker. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 am.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.

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