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YOU ARE INVITED TO A PARTY!!!

## A 60<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY PARTY WILL BE HELD FOR BOBBY ELLISON

ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2005 AT THE MILO TOWN HALL.  
THE GALA EVENT WILL START AT 6:30 PM AND IS B.Y.O.B.  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 943-2317 OR 943-2680.

*The Milo Garden Club will hold its January meeting at the Town Hall on Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. Program will be Gary Treworgy from the Treworgy Orchards in Levant. Any potential member is welcome. Call Joanne at 943-2486.*

### Class of 1948 to Meet January 18<sup>th</sup>

The Milo High School Class of 1948 will hold its next bi-monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 18th at Freda and Everett Cook's Bread & Breakfast on High Street. Breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. All classmates are urged to attend.

### **Milo Rec. Dept. offers New Session of Yoga.**

80% of the U.S. population is now writing down and committing themselves to their "New Year's Resolutions"; Cindy Herbest, hopes that we keep our physical well being, at the top of the list. An



improved lifestyle benefits not only ourselves, but also those around us, whether it be family, friends or co-workers. Increasing our stamina and strength along with refreshing our mind, body and spirit will help you get on track to improved quality of life. A beginner to intermediate level cardiovascular workout and YOGA is a great place to start!

Jan. 5th - Feb. 23

The 8 week course will be held on Wed. nights at the Milo Town Hall.

Cardio Craze - 5:30 - 6:00.....\$25.00

YOGA - 6:00 - 7:00.....\$ 30.00

For a full-rounded workout, take both classes for \$45.00

Individual Walk-In fee for YOGA.....\$6.00 per night

### THANKS FROM THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By Carolyn Sinclair

The United Methodist Church would like to say thank you to all who support the Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

We have served over one hundred families this year. We gave out 25 baskets at Thanksgiving and 15 baskets at Christmas.

The baskets contained items needed for the holiday meal. We have received donations from businesses, civic groups and individuals as well as our school.

Thanks to your generosity we will continue to serve the people in our community.

### A HUGE THANK-YOU FROM P.A.W.S.!!!

Everyone at P.A.W.S. would like to thank everyone who attended our New Year's dance. We raised hundreds of dollars and had a wonderful time to boot.



A very special thank-you to: Milo True Value, for supplying us with over \$300 in items to raffle, the Milo Farmer's Union, for the items they contributed and for everything they do throughout the years, Reuben's Market, Milo Exxon, C & J'S, Pat's Pizza, Salley's Auto, S & L Auto, Simple Sacks, House of Pizza, Small Town Video, C. C. Polaris, and anyone I may have missed who helped us raise money for our shelter. We feel that the shelter is a community endeavor and by the way we are treated so well by area businesses and residents we know you consider it "your" shelter also. (And by the way, "your" 20+ litter boxes need scooping).

### THE COOKS ARE MORE THAN THAT!!

12/27/2004 Many thanks to Freda and Everett Cook, and the helpers for serving such a nice Christmas dinner. It was a fun time with lots of good food and great to see old friends.

Thanks also to Joey Villani for playing the piano to accompany the songs we all sang. Freda sang a beautiful solo-she not only lives up to her name- "Cook", but is a wonderful singer as well.

Thanks Freda and Everett,

Avis Spear and Reuben

(Avis, I love your stationary! Val)

### PISCATAQUIS PUBLIC HEALTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES MINI-GRANT WINNERS

DOVER-FOXCROFT - The Piscataquis Public Health Council has announced the recipients of mini-grant awards in a program designed to enhance physical activity opportunities and promote nutrition in Piscataquis County.

The one-time mini-grants support projects that promote healthy lifestyle choices by helping people quit using tobacco, eat healthier food, and/or get physically active. Mini-grants are available to almost any type of community group, club or association, municipalities, small businesses or Chambers of Commerce, faith communities or local programs that serve low-income people.

Winners for the application period ending Nov. 15 are:

- American Legion Post 41 of Milo, \$4,000, for repair and expansion of the community basketball court located on land owned by the Post. The project will restore the court by grading, repaving and fencing the area. Once that work is completed, the American Legion intends to raise additional funding to expand the area to include a sand volleyball court, a walking trail with outdoor exercise equipment, a picnic area and parking.

- Maine Audubon, owner of Borestone Mountain in Elliottsville Twp., \$2,500, for repairs and safety improvements to the Summit Trail and Base Trail on one of the most popular hiking destinations in Maine. The PPHC grant will be used as local matching funds to qualify for a \$30,000 grant from the Recreational Trails Program of the Maine Department of Conservation. Work will include installing stone steps and water bars to reduce trail erosion, and adding iron hand rungs near the summit where a steep ledge creates a safety hazard. Borestone hosts between 3,000 and 4,500 hikers each year, with 66% from Maine.

- SAD 41 Wellness Committee, Milo, \$1,000, to form a weekly weight-loss support group. The program will be free and open to members of the SAD 41 community. Members will participate in weekly weigh-ins, develop weight loss strategies and share healthy recipes. Funds will be used to purchase scales, weight-loss logs and cookbooks.

- Mayo Regional Hospital Emergency Department, Dover-Foxcroft, \$500, to provide "Flupacks" for ER patients with upper respiratory infections. The project will provide resources and education to help patients in need of a lifestyle change to improve their health status. The Flupacks would contain information to help patients quit smoking, educational materials to assist with nutritional choices and exercise, and materials (facial tissues, hand sanitizer) to treat flu symptoms.

The mini-grants are awarded to applicants that can show sustainable change. Additional mini-grant awards will be made, with upcoming deadlines set for Feb. 15 and April 15. Grant applications can be obtained by contacting Robin Mayo, PPHC Community Partnership Director, at 564-4344. The Piscataquis Public Health Council is one of 31 local Healthy Maine Partnerships, working on tobacco prevention and control, physical activity and nutrition, using tobacco settlement funds provided through the Fund for a Healthy Maine.

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

**Brownville Trivia**

By Bill Sawtell  
Choose the best answer.

1. Brownville became a plantation in (a) 1812 (b) 1815 (c) 1819 (d) 1822.
2. Brownville became a town in (a) 1824 (b) 1826 (c) 1835 (d) 1844.
3. Brownville High School teams were the (a) Tigers (b) Bears (c) Indians (d) Yankees.
4. The first paid summer recreation director was (a) Carroll Conley (b) Doug Drinkwater (c) Phil Adams (d) both (a) and (c).
5. Bernard Jones was a veteran of the (a) Revolutionary War (b) Civil War (c) World War I (d) World War II.
6. The heroine of the Briggs Block Fire was (a) Alice Graves (b) Doris Chase (c) Argie Henderson (d) Blanche Chase.
7. The Diston Mill made (a) bobbins (b) wooden utensils (c) spools (d) shoe shanks.
8. Blaine Crocker was a (a) conductor (b) brakeman (c) dispatcher (d) station agent.
9. The match factory became part of the (a) Herrick Hotel (b) Sam Smith Store (c) post office (d) Lewis Mill.
10. Moses Brown gave the Community Church a(n)(a) chandelier (b) cross (c) communion set (d) altar

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

**Penquis Girls Post Third Win**

By Bill Sawtell  
Lady Patriots 42, PCHS 34

Milo, December 21-Kate Hamlin and Jenny Stetson led the way as Brent Bailey's girls' club downed an improved PCHS team here, taking the lead for good after Hamlin's three tied things at 24 midway in the third period. Hamlin, who had many steals and created many disruptions in the Lady Pirate offense, followed with a transition hoop off her own steal to put some distance between the winners and the stubborn visitors from upriver. Penquis never looked back.

Jenny Stetson played a great game on both ends and mixed it up well in the trenches with the taller frontcourt players of PCHS.

Hamlin scored 20, hitting from all over to pace Penquis, while Stetson canned 15, grabbing many boards.

Kellie Martell led the Lady Pirates with 15.

**Quarter Scores**

PCHS	7	14	24	34
Penquis	9	15	31	42

Officials: Lane and Hutchins

**Penquis Boys Win Fourth Straight**

Patriots 42, Central 36

East Corinth, December 20-Justin Morrill played one of the best all around games of his career here as the Patriots kept rolling by downing Central in a close encounter on the road. The junior forward paced Penquis with 10, playing well on both ends of the court.

The Patriots mixed their defenses, alternating man and 2-3 to keep the Red Devils down under 40 and were most impressive on the defensive boards, limiting their hosts to one crack at the iron most of the night, getting great position.

Joey Day threw in 20 for the home team.

As usual, a fine contingent of Penquis fans made the trek to the away game and made their presence felt.

**Quarter Scores**

Penquis	12	20	31	42
Central	12	17	30	36

Officials: Berry and Shoppee

**Penquis Boys Drop First**

By Bill Sawtell  
PCHS 43, Penquis 41 (2 OT)

Milo, December 22-Ryan Yeo's jumper with two ticks left on the clock in the second overtime gave the visitors from PCHS the win in two overtimes here in a barn burner before a fine crowd.

Once again Jordan Allen led the Patriots with 19, while sophomore Kole Stevens tallied nine and played well off the bench for Tony Hamlin.

Yeo and sharpshooter Mike Wharff paced the winners from upriver with 13 apiece.

Quarter Scores						
PCHS	8	19	34	37	39	43
Penquis	10	17	32	37	39	41



## FROM MATT IN MALI: (received

Dec.23, 2004)

Dear All:

All is well! I biked into Kayes last evening for a couple days but am heading back tomorrow to my village for Christmas. I made the trip in a little over two hours yesterday...not too bad for 18 miles of terrible road. It gets a little easier every time that I make the trip.

Not a whole lot new with me at this point. I've been settling into a daily routine in my village. Every morning I take a bucket when the sun is rising...really a great way to start off your day. I don't think that I have ever seen the sun as large as it is here when it is rising...really beautiful. Next, I go eat breakfast with my family...it always consists of rice porridge, which is very tasty. After breakfast, I usually either head to the Mayor's office or the "garage" where my homologue works. I chat, study, and drink tea at both places. All of the tea that we drink here is from China, but the Malians like to add a lot of sugar so it provides a pretty good kick. Around noon, I go eat lunch...rice with 'tiga-diga-na', which is peanut-butter-sauce (translated literally). Next I usually take a nap. It has really surprised me how tiring everything is for me...between studying all of the time and trying to communicate with everyone it really can wear you down. During the afternoons I sometimes go to the school and chat with the teachers...they are really cool people and really help explain Bambara and Kossinke to me. Other times I go to my friend Tijan's house...he is about 40 years old and every year he goes to New York and drives a taxicab for 8-9 months. He speaks English really well and is a really nice guy. He is heading back to NY at the end of January.

Around 6:30pm I take another bucket, as the sun is setting. After that I go back and eat with my family again...dinner is always couscous with either tigadigana or veggie sauce. At night I go to mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and on other nights I go and play cards with my homologue and his buddies. Bedtime for me is usually around 9-9:30pm.

That is pretty much my schedule for now...until I learn the language and get to know the people well enough to start my work. I've been biking around a lot to visit some of the neighboring villages...the majority of them are only a couple hundred people. I basically stop by and tell them my name, where I'm from, and that I am a new volunteer.

When I got here the food was pretty hard to get down, mainly because of the texture and the flavor was a little different that what I was accustomed to...but now I literally crave couscous and rice with sauce. It hasn't taken me long to get used to it and I suppose when you are hungry that just about anything will taste good after a while.

Oh I just remembered a good story from a few weeks ago. When we were being transported from Bamako to Kayes at the beginning of December, we were lucky enough to be transported in Peace Corps SUVs. I was beginning to fall asleep when all of a sudden I heard a something start to hit the car...sounded like rain drops. When I opened my eyes I saw that we were in the middle of a swarm of locusts and they were pelting the SUV. There were literally thousands and thousands of them in the sky...it must have lasted for about 5 minutes and when we made it through, the SUV was covered in locust guts...pretty nasty but really cool. Locusts look like large grasshoppers with wings...about 3 inches long and bright red. Although it was a really neat experience, the locusts in general can be very detrimental to the Malians because they can eat entire fields of crops. I read before I came here that this year the locusts swarms are the worst swarms in 15 years.

I guess that is all for now...I'll probably send another email along next week. I hope that all of you have a great Christmas.

Peace and Love,

Matt

**The next letter was received December 29, 2004**

Dear all,

I am back in Kayes for a couple of days for the New Year...most of the volunteers from the region are in town so it should be a lot of fun.

Christmas was an interesting one for me this year...I was the only volunteer in the region that spent the holiday in village and I am very happy that I did. There were plays put on at the school, plenty of music and dancing, and good food (good meaning meat). My favorite part of the holiday was the mass at the church. The music was awesome...congo drums with a great choir that would sway back and forth when they sang. I had a great time and went to both masses.

Other than that, all is going well with me. My house is finally being built, which is great. I've been living in a mud hut with all of my stuff for the last month. The villagers are building me two huts, one for storage and the other for sleeping. Plus my living area has a few nice trees, two of which I plan on using for a hammock. They are starting it tomorrow and it should be finished by Saturday or Sunday.

I suppose that is all for now...not a lot of new news with me. I wish you all the best in the New Year.

Peace and love, Matt

## AREA SCHOOL NEWS

### FROM BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY:

On the following page are some Brownville First Graders as they sing at the school's annual Holiday program. Students in grades K-6 sang, acted, and danced before a large crowd.

The 5th and 6th grade band also played two holiday numbers. Before heading home for vacation there was a visit by

Santa and lots of refreshments. The staff thanks everyone who helped out.



**FROM THE COOK SCHOOL IN LAGRANGE:**

It was standing room only at the Marion C. Cook School Holiday Program held on Monday afternoon. Santa Claus (5th grader, Lauren Crocker) greeted family and friends at the



door.

Santa welcomed all to our program and led us in The Pledge and "The Star Spangled Banner."

Ms. Ivy's class took to the stage first and presented two cute plays, "Hattie and the Fox" and "The Billy Goat's Gruff." The young friends did an excellent job using the microphones and delivering their lines with lots of enthusiasm.



Mrs. Carter's class presented, "The Baker's Dozen," a St. Nicholas tale which included speaking parts for every student. Again, the students were well rehearsed and the parents were very pleased.

Rachael Higgins, MacKenzie Morel, Andrew Kelly, Morgan Drake, Lillis Noke and Mr. Eastman showed off their progress as band members. They played, "Jingle Bells," "Go Team Go" and "Ode to Joy."



Miss K.'s class presented the play, "Santa Claus for President." Santa and Mrs. Claus (Lillis Noke) led a fantastic cast in a wonderful program.

The entire student body took the stage to sing, "Silver Bells" and "What a Wonderful World." The students invited their parents to join them for snacks and drink following the performance.

There is no doubt that our school is filled with Terrific Kids. We are very proud!



K-5 students at the Marion C. Cook School created their annual Gingerbread Houses. Our older friends are encouraged to help the younger friends. Thank you to the LaGrange PTO and our SAD 41 kitchen for their generous donations to this wonderful project.

**FROM MILO ELEMENTARY:**

The students who attend the Resource Room at Milo Elementary spent some time before Christmas making ornaments and bookmarks and assembling holiday gift bags to be delivered to the recipients of Meals for Me.

Many thanks to the Meals for Me volunteer drivers for being willing to carry one more package to each residence so that the students' gifts could be delivered in time for Christmas!

Pictured are Darlene Desrochers, Cody Johndro, Dillon Earley, Shelby Jay, Rebecca Carpenter and Jade Zelkan. These are just some of the students who participated in the caring and sharing activity.



## The Milo District Schools

By Lloyd J. Treworgy  
Continued Part XXXX

Evening programs of any sort at the schoolhouses were much prized. For one thing, the interior looked much different in the mysterious half-light. For another, the seats were pushed back, if they were loose, and the program took place on the teacher's platform

Edith West remembers one such program at Christmas time when three girls, one dressed in red, another in white, the third in blue, sang "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean."

Another thrill came with the first "auto" ride!

Alta Valente told me that she had her first ride as a little girl with Fred Perkins, grandfather of Gracia Kittredge. (Gracia married Edward Prescott, brother of Rachel and Jane and lives in Camden.) They lived on High Street then, between Church St. and the old grammar school. Alta said that they didn't travel more than ten or twelve miles an hour or so she thought. That was a whizzing speed at that time, of course. Horses on the road didn't travel at a third that speed. You must understand, roads were poor by today's standards. Anything like today's speeds, even if automobiles could have approached them, which they couldn't, would have shaken you apart at the joints. A wagon behind a horse moving at four miles an hour was acceptable to the bottom of your spine. Wagons had leaf springs under the seat and they could take the ruts and jounces as they had always done, slowly up and slowly down.

On that auto ride, Alta remembers, they went to Milo Junction. She was too thrilled to remember many of the details.

She DID remember that they wore "dusters". In auto or wagon, in those days, passengers wore a duster, a long, lightweight, dust-colored coat. To wear one was a wise precaution against the dust that often lay deep on the roads. That was before surfacing of rural roads had come into practice. Vehicles, any vehicle, kicked up the dust in clouds, even at four miles an hour. It got into your hair, unless you kept your head covered and into your mouth, unless you kept it closed all the time. And unless you rinsed it at the end of a ride, you most likely found yourself chewing grit for an hour or two.

Of an evening at home, especially in winter, a scholar did his or her homework sitting by the kitchen or dining-room table, a kerosene lamp by his elbow and a dish of apples and a paring knife, if he peeled his apples (kids usually didn't, parents often did), within reach. On the farm there would always be several barrels of apples in the cellar for good "keeping". Apples lasted all winter in the dark and the cool down there.

Keepers included Tolman Sweet, Stark, Ben Davis and Russet. Other types had to be eaten in early fall, like Red Astrakhan, or Yellow Transparent or Porter, or Duchess; or by early winter like Aneuse, Bellflower, High Top Early Sweet or Sops of Wine.

After homework was finished kids played Flinch, a game with a monstrous deck of cards, or Checkers or Dominoes or Parchesi. Parents sometimes entered into the spirit of it, although for the wife and mother there was always darning stockings or mittens or ironing or knitting more stockings and mittens.

Once in a while, a bag of candy would appear in the home. It was generally spoken of like that: "BAG" of candy, rather than a box of. At the store, the uncovered candy, at least the unsticky kind was displayed in open boxes under the glass counter. You chose the kinds you wanted and the storekeeper picked them up, piece by piece, in his hand and bagged them. You assumed, of course, that his hands were clean; that he hadn't been handling the cat or blowing his nose in the meantime.

You got, when the storekeeper was so inclined, six cents' worth for five cents. And five cents would buy what a quarter buys today.

Ira Gould told me that Linnie Dick, who was one of the district schools' best disciplinarians, used to bring "a bag of candy" sometimes, for the last day of school. It would be hard candy, Ira said, not chocolates. Linnie knew, even in those days, what was bad for the health.

Linnie, Ira said, by the way, was a good teacher.

"We would try to do things we shouldn't, of course", he said, "but when we found we couldn't do them - then we didn't."

Earlier in this story I mentioned that boys and girls played ball together, regardless of sex. When there were only a few players and the time was short, they would shout for position-"batter" being first choice, and the first to shout for it got it, although sometimes after a brief argument. The brevity of recess wouldn't admit of extended controversies. The others trailed after, down to "field", which was the lowest in the pecking order. From there, the player had to work up to "base", to pitcher, to catcher, to batter.

If there were enough for two teams, often two acknowledged leaders chose sides. The first tossed the bat to the second, who caught it. Then the tosser wound his hand around the bat, touching the hand of the one who caught it. And so up, hand by hand, until the last could get his thumb over the top and three fingers down on the bat before touching the hand of the other. He had first choice.

Teams could be chosen and playing, by that accepted rule, almost before you could count ten. They HAD to be quick if it was recess time. The recess break lasted only fifteen minutes and you had to need to go to the privy pretty badly before you took the recess for that rather than to play ball.

On occasion boys and girls were sufficiently numerous to promote rivalry between the sexes. This was so, during one spell, at the Tollbridge School. Edna Tibbetts (now Edna Hanscom), one of the players, said that the girls took on the boys and generally won. Part of the reason, she acknowledged, could have been Dan Boober, who generally served as umpire.

"Dan", said Edna, "had more mouth than the rest of us. He liked to play, but he liked better to umpire. He had a lot to say and I think he favored us girls a little. Anyway, we generally won."

Edna and Hattie Tibbetts with Grace and Maggie Lyford made up the girls team.

Edna's two brothers, Floyd and Clarence Tibbetts, both of whom died in their twenties, and Forrest Farris and Albert Lyford constituted the boys team.

Grace Lyford, now Grace Shaw, was the star pitcher and batter on the girls team, Edna remembered.

"We played with a regular batstick and a regular ball," she said.

There were three bases to cover still, although each team had only four members. And the one outfielder had to cover several points of the compass, unassisted. Consequently, if the batter poked a ball to left field when the outfielder happened to be

holding the fort at right field, it's a pretty good guess that a run was as good as across the plate.

And if the batter trickled a little grounder down to third base, he or she, was sure of getting safely to first base – from which he or she, legged it to second and to third, with the first pitch thereafter. However, what was an advantage to one side was an advantage equally to the other side, whichever happened to be at bat. Whoever was detailed to keep the score had to be possessed of an accurate memory and a facility for quick addition, for the score could be massive at times.

The only inequity was Dan Boober as umpire with that little extra warmth in his heart for the girls!

## MILO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Judith Macdougall

I promised you a list of the new books this week and here they are.

Babson, Miriam	PLEASE DO FEED THE CAT
Brockman, Suzanne	HOT TARGET
Churchill, Jill	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S SCREAM
Clark, Mary Higgins	THE CHRISTMAS THIEF
Cussler, Clive	BLACK WIND
Davidson, Diane Mott	DOUBLE SHOT
DeMille, Nelson	NIGHT FALL
Evanovich, Janet	METRO GIRL
Flagg, Fannie	A REDBIRD CHRISTMAS
Follett, Ken	WHITEOUT
Freedman, Benedict & Nancy	KATHY LITTLE BIRD (a Mrs. Mike novel)
Hall, Parnell	AND A PUZZLE TO DIE ON
Hamilton, Bethany	NFSOUL SURFER
Hillerman, Tony	SKELETON MAN
Hooper, Kay	THE DELANEY CHRISTMAS CAROL
Kellerman, Jonathan	TWISTED
Kelton, Elmer	JERICHO'S ROAD
Koontz, Dean	LIFE EXPECTANCY
Krentz, Jayne Ann	FALLING AWAKE
L'Amour, Louis	THE FRONTIER STORIES vol. II
Macomber, Debbie	WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES
Patterson, James	LONDON BRIDGES
Perry, Anne	A CHRISTMAS VISITOR
Rendell, Ruth	THE ROTTWEILER
Rice, Luanne	SILVER BELLS
Shaara, Jeff	TO THE LAST MAN
Steel, Danielle	ECHOES
Thayer, Nancy	THE HOT FLASH CLUB STRIKES AGAIN
Truman, Margaret	MURDER AT UNION STATION

The above books have been purchased by us, but we have had some generous donations too. Jackie Wood donated BURIED STUFF by Sharon Fiffer. Bessie Blodgett has also donated some mysteries new to us. Here is a list of books she has donated this past week. A thank you to Jackie and Bessie for giving us more mystery books to offer to our patrons.

Abrahams, Peter	THE TUTOR
Billingham, Mark	SCAREDY CAT
Emerson, Earl	VERTICAL BURN
Lindsey, David	MERCY
Lippman, Laura	EVERY SECRET THING
Lutz, John	THE NIGHT SPIDER
Michaels, Kasey	INDISCREET
O'Brien, Meg	I'LL LOVE YOU TILL I DIE
Nasaw, Jonathan	THE GIRLS HE ADORED
Simpson, Dorothy	DEAD AND GONE

Now that Christmas is over and we all have more time, why not make it a New Year's Resolution to save money by reading books from your local library. We'd really enjoy seeing you and your children in here using our books and computers.

Library Winter Hours

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

Saturday 2:00-4:00

## Traditions of a Milo-ite

by Kathy Witham

I can't take credit for writing the following greeting. It does, however, send season's greetings to one and all in a wonderful way. This is my Merry Christmas and New Year's wish for all of you.

**\* I wish you a day of ordinary miracles, a fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself. An unexpected phone call from an old friend. Green stoplights on your way to work or shop.**

**\* I wish you a day of little things to rejoice in...like the fastest line at the grocery store. A good sing along song on the radio (my personal favorite). Your keys right where you look. I wish you a day of happiness and perfection...the little bite-sized pieces of perfection that give you the funny feeling that the Lord is smiling on you, holding you so gently because you are someone special and rare**

**\*I wish You a day of Peace, Happiness and Joy.**

**\*Remember to make the time today to do something special for a total stranger.**

Further, make 2005 the year that you not only do something special for a total stranger...but do something special for your community. There is so much need in this community for involvement on all levels, that I feel I can't stress enough the importance of your participation. Let this be the year that you find your niche....the place where you fit in best. It might be right in your own home...becoming more involved with your own children and their education and well being. It might be on a committee that would benefit from your expertise. It might be involvement with a church, a fraternal or civic organization. Wherever you think you would make a difference would be the right place for you.

Most of all I want to wish all of you, and that includes our dear friend Steve DeWitt...who thinks I should write an entire column about him... a very Happy New Year. Next week I'll tell you all about the gala that I'm going to on New Year's Eve. Wow! I can't wait.

Editor's Note: Readers, you don't have to wait...here it is!

## Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathy Witham

Here we are in the heart of southern Maine....celebrating New Year's at the home of our good friends John and Lori Aceto. They had invited us weeks ago to join them at a gala festivity at the Italian Heritage Center in Portland for their annual New Year's Eve celebration. We readily accepted. After accepting the invitation, however, I had to come up with something spiffy to wear.

My waist had grown by at least a half to three quarters of an inch over the holidays. Everything was tight. My first thought was to wear the wedding dress that I had for son Tom's wedding last summer. I asked if that would be too dressy and was informed it would be perfect. Well...if that was perfect then we were talking very very dressy. Did my husband have to have a tux? No, but there would be some men there in tuxes. Lucky for him he has a beautiful black suit that can be dressed up with choice of shirt and tie. For Christmas I bought him a beautiful cranberry red shirt and a tie that had a pattern of cranberry red, grey, and black. It was totally appropriate.

I, on the other hand, was struggling with the huge waist in a tight dress. What to do? We went to Bangor on Tuesday (ah, having my husband home to just come and go as he pleases has been wonderful) and I found a very pretty black short sleeved sweater. It went well over the assortment of black pants that I already have. I had been hoping for something cashmere and a little on the low-cut side...but settled for something acrylic on the square neck side. I then went downstairs (I was in Filenes) and found a gold poncho, which seems to be the height of fashion these days. There!! That ought to successfully cover the waist.

I had spent some time cleaning out and organizing my jewelry armoire the day after Christmas, so was ready to put together my jewelry ensemble for the night. I chose sparkling

gold and diamonds (give your throat a little clearing sound on the diamonds thing). Oh, some of it was diamonds...but most of it was rhinestones I'm sorry to admit. I chose my sparkling gold, silver and bronze dress shoes and little gold sequined clutch purse and I was ready to roll.

We had a ball at the ball!!! The dinner was a choice of seafood casserole or prime rib. I chose the seafood, hubby chose the beef. Good company, good food, beautiful surroundings and a great band made for a totally enjoyable evening. I'm a people person and so I had fun watching the people, as well as participating in all the merriment. It's always fun to see people having a good time. The linens and favors were all done in crisp black and white. Top hats for the gentlemen and tiaras for the ladies as well as a multitude of noisemakers and leis at each table added to the fun. At midnight a champagne toast and kisses all around ushered in 2005. Great time!

We had come to Cape Elizabeth on Thursday. Because Lori was working until 7:00 p.m. that evening, I had offered to fix supper. I found this wonderful recipe for macaroni and cheese that I prepared for all of us, to be ready when she got home from work. It was a great late night meal.

Comfort food at its best, don't hesitate to try this recipe.

#### **Macaroni and Cheddar Cheese**

1 lb. macaroni (cooked about 8 minutes) then drained and set aside for a few minutes while you prepare the cheese mixture.

- 1 tablespoon of olive oil
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 3 tablespoons of flour
- 1\_ cups milk
- 3 cups sharp cheddar cheese

\_ teaspoon nutmeg (my brother bought me a micro grater for Christmas and so I used fresh nutmeg, that I bought at Bob's Hardware, and ground it on my new grater...nothing like bringing kitchen implements right along with me on my trip!)

- A couple of pinches cayenne pepper
- Salt

Heat a deep skillet over medium heat. Add the oil and butter. When the butter melts whisk in the flour. This is going to be your thickening. Slowly add the milk continuing to whisk. When the milk mixture comes to a boil it will bubble and it will thicken. Add 2 cups of the cheese a handful at a time continuing to stir and whisk. Season with the nutmeg, cayenne pepper, and salt. Add the cooked pasta and coat completely. Transfer to a casserole dish, top with the final 1 cup of cheese and place under a hot broiler for a minute or two to brown the top. This will serve 4, 6 or 8 depending on what else you prepare to go with it. It's got a little bang to it what with the cayenne pepper. It's got a bigger bang warmed up the next day! Wonderful!

### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **MADELAINE A. ROBICHAUD**

NEWPORT - Madelaine A. Robichaud, 62, died Dec. 23, 2004, at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. She was born June 19, 1942, in Milo a daughter of Owen and Jeanne (Girard) Chase. She graduated from Brownville Junction High School and attended Husson College. Madelaine is survived by a daughter, Michele, of Braintree, Mass.; and a son, Michael, of Las Vegas, Nev.; two grandsons, Chase of Braintree, Mass. and Ian of Las Vegas, Nev.; two sisters, Marilyn Crumbacker of Morehead City, N.C., and Maureen Paynter of Arlington, Mass.; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. She was predeceased by her husband, Robert, on Sept. 10, 1999; as well as her brothers, Melvin and Malcolm. Spring burial will be in the Riverside Cemetery, Newport. Memorial donations may be made to the Bangor Humane Society, 693B Mt. Hope Avenue, Bangor, ME 04401.

#### **ESTHER O. BROWN**

LAGRANGE - Esther O. Brown, 89, was cradled in the loving arms of her family, the family her arms had cradled for more than 89 years, as she

left us to join others of her friends in the arms of the Lord Dec. 23, 2004. She was born Oct. 7, 1915, in LaGrange the daughter of Lynn M. and Sarah (Badger) Osgood. She was a member of the farm bureau, the Maxfield Christmas Club and the L. A. sledders now fondly called the L. A. eaters club. Mrs. Brown had retired from Pratt Whitney in Connecticut. She is survived by a daughter, Patricia Brewer of LaGrange; two brothers, Arnold Osgood of Brewer, Clayton Osgood of Sarasota, Fla.; a brother-in-law, Samuel "Jack" Brown of Southington, Conn.; five grandchildren, Lynn and husband, Scott Wardwell, Darrell and wife, Belinda Brewer, Fredric and wife, Laurie Brewer, Donald and wife, Betty, Sally and husband, Ron Bilancia; nine great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandson. Esther was predeceased by her loving husband whom she married of 70 years ago Dec. 15; three brothers, Harley, Arthur, and Merlyn; and a sister, Clara Brown. A spring interment will be in the Maxfield Cemetery. Those who wish may make donations to the **Susan G. Komen Foundation, PO Box 3283, Brewer, ME 04412.**

#### **RUSSELL E. WRIGHT**

MILO - Russell Edward Wright, 77, fondly known as Bumpy by his grandchildren, died Dec. 20, 2004, after a long illness. He was born June 12, 1927, in Mount Desert, the son of Hollis and Virginia (Davis) Wright. Russell served in the armed forces during World War II and the Korean War. He worked as a lobsterman, a grounds keeper for John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a woodsman and a truck driver for Dexter Shoe in Milo. Russell is survived by his children: Leslie and his wife, Helene, of Norwood, Mass.; Eugene and his wife, Cynthia, of Milo; Beverly Wright, of Milo; Virginia Chessa and her boyfriend, William Brown, of Milo; Lydia and her husband, Timothy Richard, of Milo; Debra Murphy, of Milo; Ralph and his wife, Joan, of Sangerville; Melissa and her husband, Christopher Roy, of Bradford; and Donald, of Bangor; grandchildren, Alicia and her husband, Raymond Ferris, of Milo; Megan Wright, of Milo; Regina Wright of Milo; Antwan Wright of Milo; Jessie Chessa of Stonington; Christopher Chessa and his fiancée, Heidi Robinson, of Milo; Thomas Larson of Milo; Jennifer and her husband, Shawn Thibeau, of Augusta; Jazmine and Jarod Roy, of Bradford; great-granddaughter, Caitlin Hodgkins, of Stonington; great-grandsons, Guy Thibeau, of Augusta and Nicholas Ferris, of Milo; three sisters, Carol and her husband, Donald Carter, of Sullivan; Gwendolyn and her husband, Bryant Pools, of Waltham; Dora Pettegrew, of Vermont; one brother, Walter and his wife, Marcia, of Missouri; sisters-in-law, Gertrude and her husband, Conrad Demers, of Milo; Gladys Wright, of Milo; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; his stepfather, George Buzzell; his wife, Norma Ogden Wright; three brothers, Hollis Jr., Leslie and Galen; one sister, Helen Parker.

#### **DOLORES M. COOKSON**

DEXTER - Dolores M. Cookson, 64, wife of Albert W. Cookson, died Dec. 17, 2004, at her residence. She was born Dec. 4, 1940, in Bradford, the daughter of Timothy and Florence (Conant) Brasslett. Ms. Cookson was a member of the Dexter Pentecostal Church. She is survived by her husband, Albert of Dexter; two sons, Eugene Cookson and his wife, Claudette, of Bradford, Albert Cookson Jr. and his wife, Delilah, of Bradford; two daughters, Linda Woodbury and her husband, Ralph, of Dexter, Dale Johnson and her husband, James, of Dexter; three brothers, Harry Brasslett of Connecticut, Adrian Brasslett of Bradford, Richard Brasslett of Massachusetts; five sisters, Barbara Grant of Corinth, Gertrude Brasslett of Corinth, Anita Bunker of Massachusetts, Jay Lizotte of Connecticut, Mary Bowman of Virginia, 14 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, David Brasslett. Friends are invited to call from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at the Lary Funeral Home, Milo. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Dexter Pentecostal Church, with the Rev. Lyman Curtis officiating. Spring interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

#### **GEORGE N. WILLSEY**

MILO - George N. Willsey, 77, husband of Marilyn (Randall) Willsey died Dec. 28, 2004, at Bangor. He was born June 15, 1927, in Troy, N.Y., the son of Nelson and Helen (Snyder) Willsey. He had graduated from Lansingburgh High School and attended Sienna College in Troy, N.Y. He had also received a B.A. in Bible and Missions; and a bachelor of Theology from Barrington Bible College in Rhode Island. George had served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a missionary in the jungle area of Peru, South America under South America Mission, Ft. Worth, Fla. where he worked with Conibo, Shipibo and Campa Indians in

remote areas for 15 years. He was an ordained Baptist Minister by New England Evangelical Baptist Fellowship Dec. 19, 1966. In later years he worked at Dexter Shoe in Milo and Northeast Folklore Archives at University of Maine and at various homes for the developmentally delayed in the Bangor area and in Sidney, N.Y. In addition to his wife of 49 years, Marilyn he is survived by a son, S/Sgt Timothy Willsey of Ramsden Air Force Base in Germany; a daughter, Linda Seavey of Conover, N.C.; three grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held in the spring. Interment will be in the Williams Cemetery Bradford. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home. Those who wish may make donations to South America Mission, 5217 So. Military Trail, Fort Worth, FL.

**MAXINE E. ADAMS YOUNG**

MILO - Maxine E. Adams Young, 84, wife of the late Gordon W. Young, died Dec. 26, 2004, at a Dover-Foxcroft nursing home. She was born Aug. 22, 1920, in Monson, the daughter of Terry S. and Hattie M. (Waugh) Adams. Maxine had worked at Guilford Woolen Mill for many years. She was a member and past president of the VFW Auxiliary, a member of J.P. Chaisson American Legion Auxiliary, the D.U.V., and Park Street United Methodist Church. She is survived by two daughters, Reberta Brawn of Ft. Myers, Fla., Elbie Nutter and her husband, Dan, of Milo; a brother, Birchard Adams of Holbrook, N.Y.; a sister, Arlene Kirk of Pittsfield; four grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a grandson, Gerald Brawn Jr. Friends are invited to call 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2004, at the Lary Funeral Home, Milo, where funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, with the Rev. Rudy Homchuck officiating. Spring burial will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery.

**M.S.A.D. #41 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU  
JANUARY 2005**

3-Bacon cheeseburger, mashed potato, peas, fruit, and milk every day.
4-Turkey deluxe sand., scallop potato, cukes, and J-ello/topping.
5-Pancakes, sausage, hash brown, and applesauce.
6-Sloppy Joe, cole slaw, fruit, dinner roll, and birthday cake.
7-Ravioli, broccoli/cheese, dinner roll, and fruit.
10-Chicken burger, potato, green beans, and fruit,
11-Beef burrito, rice, salad, and pineapple.
12-Vegetable soup, hot ham & cheese sandwich, celery, and brownie.
13-Italian sand., French fries, corn, and fruit.
14-Breadsticks, cheese/sauce, stir-fry veg., and fruit.
<b>17-Martin Luther King HOLIDAY</b>
18-Juice, breakfast pizza, potato log, and fruit.
19-Steakum sand., mashed potato, mixed veg. and pudding/topping.
20-Oven fried chicken, baked potato, carrots, dinner roll, and fruit.
21-B.L.T. sandwich on a wheat roll, potato wedges, salad, and fruit.
24-Chicken nuggets, macaroni/cheese, Calif. Blend veg., dinner roll, and fruit.
25-Lasagna, garden salad, garlic bread, and fruit.
26-Tomato soup, egg sandwich, celery sticks, and spice cake.
27-Turkey & gravy, mashed potato, creamed corn, dinner roll, and fruit.
28-Juice, French bread pizza, assorted vegs. and desserts.

**BREAKFAST MENU**

Monday-Gogurt, and teddy grahams with juice and milk every day.
Tuesday-Cheese stick and muffin.
Wednesday-Pizza pockets.
Thursday-Bagel with cream cheese.
Friday-Super donut.

**BRAND NEW AT MAYO REGIONAL**

**A daughter, Kylii Rae Lewis, to JoAnn and T.J. Lewis of Derby on December 22, 2004. Wt. 7 pounds 6 ounces.**

**JANUARY WEATHER 1976**

*From Grammie McCleary's weather diary.*

- 3-Snow-22° at noon.
- 4-Mostly sunny windy pm-28° at 6:50 am.
- 5-Sunny windy cold-4° below at 9:30 pm.
- 6-Sunny am clouding up pm-13° at noon.
- 7-Cloudy-3° at 7 am.
- 8-Snow-10° below at 10:10 pm.
- 9-Sunny-12° at 1:30 pm.



**THREE RIVERS KIWANIS  
OF MILO/BROWNVILLE  
CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE**

The Kiwanis Club meets each Wednesday morning at 6:30 at The Restaurant in Milo to share information and ideas and enjoy the fellowship of others. Our weekly guest speakers present informative and interesting topics. All are welcome! Anyone interested in becoming a member please see Dottie Brown or any Kiwanian for an application. **DECEMBER 29, 2004, MEETING MINUTES**

President Murrel Harris greeted twelve members and four guests (Heidi Finson's mom Kathy and son Jeremy) and Randy Kluj Sr. and Randy Kluj Jr. at the last meeting of the year.

Lt. Gov. Eben DeWitt led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Jeremy Finson said a special prayer for those in attendance and all who could not join us.

Don Harris told us about a truck driver whose passion was to become a pilot but because of his poor eyesight didn't qualify for his dream job. This enterprising man connected helium balloons to a lawn chair that was equipped with sandwiches, drinks, and a BB gun! He got a bit off his desired course, drifted into the Los Angeles airport domain, and eventually found himself going out to sea where he had to be rescued by a Navy helicopter. After being arrested he was asked why and his reply was, "I just couldn't sit around!"

A thank you note from Laurel, AKA Buttercup, Harris was read.

Joe and Chris Beres celebrate their wedding anniversary on December 30.

Fifteen happy and sad dollars were donated for Eben's retirement after 20 years as county commissioner, Eben's fine qualities and still being a Republican, Dottie not here, Patriots, the disaster overseas, family visiting, and family on their way home.

Chris Almy reminded us of the interclub planned for Friday.

The next regular board of directors meeting will be January 6, 2005.

Jobs For Maine Graduates director Carl Wilson will be our speaker on January 5, 2005.

Randy Kluj Sr., Commander of the American Legion Post # 41 since October, and his son Randy Jr. were our guest speakers today.

Randy Sr. told us of the changes at the Legion; an in-house program to support those presently active in the military, a \$4000 grant for a basketball court, walking course, and lighted volleyball court, and a coffee and donut event each Thursday at the Legion from 9 to 12, especially for the World War 11 veterans. There were 29 and 31 in attendance at the recent veteran's breakfasts.

Randy Jr. received his degree in criminology at a Vermont college and is almost through his flight school training for the Army. The school involves long days in the air with academics at night. His six-year commitment to the Army will begin when he receives his 'wings' next month. Randy said he prefers the Black Hawk and Apache helicopters. He is currently stationed at Fort Rucker in Alabama.

Randy Jr. said he will probably be deployed to Iraq at some point and is ready to serve.

Thank you for your service and being our guests today.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Grant, Temp. Sec.