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Hamlin Wins 300th!

BY BILL SAWTELL



With the boys' win over Stearns last week Penquis varsity boys coach and AD reached another milestone in his long and successful coaching career. The victory gave Tony his 300th coaching career win.

Tony coached at MCI, Morse, and South Portland in the tough western Maine Class A before returning to his home turf to coach the Pats in the mid-1990s, winning gold balls at South Portland and Penquis-no mean feat in itself.

He joins an elite group of Maine coaches, such as Dick Barstow, the immortal George Wentworth, and Ron Marks.

Tony is fast becoming a legend in his own time and his coaching knowledge is unsurpassed in the region. He has the respect of his cohorts in the field throughout the Pine Tree State. The young men he has coached at Penquis have been the beneficiaries of his collective coaching wisdom.

Congratulations, Tony!!

Editor's note: *We at the Three Rivers News want to congratulate you for all you do for our area, both in and out of the gym; It was a great day when you decided to move back home to Milo. When you win your 400th game could you please hold off on eating the cake until after the picture is taken?*

ONE DOG FOUND, ONE STILL MISSING!

One of the two beagles lost in Brownville on the Rips Rd. New Year's Eve was found Wednesday at Alasco Carey's house on outer Park Street. Stub, the male, found his way to a recliner on the Carey's porch. He was thin, cold and tired, but otherwise, O.K. Abby, the younger, smaller female is still missing and we need your help finding her. Beagles are notorious runners and she could be far removed from the Hobbstown Road area by now.

There is a reward for her return and or information leading to her recovery.

She is 13" tri color female, with black across her entire back, brown speckled feet and sad eyes, her name is "Abby". She has an orange identification collar and a family and children that miss her very much.

Please contact 564-6944 or 564-3383 ask for Mike or leave a message. Feel free to contact the number on the collar and or cell # 860-614-4295. All local authorities have been notified, and there is a substantial reward for her return.



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

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Milo

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Creative Writing (Milo)

Eight weeks of writing stories, poems, memoirs or whatever you'd like to write!

TUE/Mar. 1 8 Weeks \$25.00
6:00 – 8:00 P.M. PVHS - Milo

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The class work and technique is aimed at the novice and beginner painter.

THURS/Jan. 2010 Weeks \$25.00
6:00 – 8:30 P.M. PVHS – Milo

Suzette East Call 943-7317 to register.

Quilting (Milo)

This class is for the beginner or intermediate quilter. Beginning participants may work on a winning hands quilt. More advanced students may do a scrap star quilt. Quilters may also work on their own unfinished projects.

TUES or WED/Jan. 18th or 19th 12 Weeks \$25.00
6:30 – 9:30 P.M. PVHS – Milo

Sandra Haley Call 943-7317 to register.

Basic Floral Design – Milo

This class is for enjoyment only and is not designed to prepare anyone to be a professional florist. Sharon Jones, a Maine State Certified Master Florist, will provide instruction in basic floral care, preparation and design. The cost of supplies is dependent on projects chosen and will be determined in class. A supply list will be provided during the first class.

MON/Jan. 24 10 Weeks \$25.00 (plus supplies)
6:30 – 8:30 P.M. PVHS – Milo

Sharon Jones Call 943-7317 to register.

Digital Photography – Milo

This class will provide instruction on improving your skills in creating and manipulating digital photos. Bring in your camera and get ready to be creative using Adobe PhotoShop CS.

WED/Jan 19 8 Weeks
\$25.00

6:00 – 8:30 P.M. PVHS-Milo

Susan Bryand Call 943-7317 to register.

Scrapbooking

This class is for both beginning and advanced scrap bookers. This is an opportunity to work on albums and learn new techniques. Some supplies will be available for purchase through the instructor.

MON/Jan 24 11 Weeks \$25.00
6:30 – 9:00 P.M. PVHS-Milo

Katie Ladd Call 943-7317 to register.

Learning About Herbs (Milo)

In this class you will learn about the history and uses of herbs. The instructor will cover planting and drying techniques for herbs that are grown locally. Plans are also being made to have a guest speaker.

TUES/Jan 11th 6 Weeks

6:00 – 7:30 P.M. PVHS-Milo

Victoria Eastman Call 943-7317 to Register

Plans are being made to offer First Aid and CPR for either certification or for information only. Please call 943-7317 if you are interested.

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THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS BINGO
EVERY FRI DAY NI GHT
A MEAL IS SERVED FROM 5:00PM UNTIL 6:15 PM
BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30
SEE YOU THERE!

Class of 1948 to Meet January 18th

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.

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Brownville Trivia

BY BILL SAWTELL Choose the correct answer.

1. Before it became a town in 1824, Brownville was a(n) (a) city (b) county (c) plantation (d) unorganized township.
2. The first mills were on the (a) north (b) east (c) west (d) south side of the Pleasant River.
3. "Red" Wallace was a(n) (a) brakeman (b) conductor (c) engineer (d) dispatcher.
4. Carroll Conley was Maine Coach of the Year in (a) 1959 (b) 1963 (c) 1965 (d) 1967.
5. John Morrill was a well known (a) blacksmith (b) horse trader (c) inn keeper (d) mechanic.
6. Abee Pond is (a) in the east (b) in the west (c) in the north (d) in the south of town.
7. There was once a(n) (a) music school (b) dancing school (c) French school (d) baseball camp near Knight's Landing.
8. The Prairie Pavilion featured dancing and (a) roller skating (b) silent movies (c) town meetings (d) chautauquas.
9. Rodney Ross was a(n) (a) Republican (b) Democrat (c) Independent (d) Green.
10. (a) Webber Jones (b) Buddy Grant (c) Dave Chase (d) Paul West was the first to land at Webber Jones Airport.

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

Penquis Valley High School's Greatest?

BY BILL SAWTELL

Who were the top basketball players in Patriot history?

Send in your list of the top 10 players for boys and girls over the school's history. The Top 10 will be listed near the end of this basketball season.. Voters must be at least 45 to vote. Please send your lists to Bill Sawtell, P.O.B. 272, Brownville, ME 04414, e-mail rtell@kynd.net. Here's my list for the boys:

Wally Russell
Jeremy Allen
Larry Worcester
Doug Cummings
Scott Larson
David Carey
Troy Chase
Doni Webb
Matt Pokrywka
Tim Buchanan

Memories of a Brownville Junction Railroader
Barn Basketball in the Tom Wallace Era and Beyond

Many of the finest Railroaders-and some of the not so finest-honed their skills by playing basketball in barns. Brownville had four: Grant's, Ross's, Sawtell's, and Stickney's. Junction kids played in the old Bangor and Aroostook freight shed.

Many boys played at Arthur Grant's barn, no longer there on Pleasant Street. This barn was a full court with a beam sometimes interfering with low trajectory shots on one end and a hole in the floor that had to be covered.

Rodney Ross's barn was a one-basket barn good for shooting games, like Three X's or Horse or one on one. Very few played there because of the location.

Don Sawtell's barn was lighted and had three baskets-one on each end and one on the side. As many as 22 players once came to the barn to play in two-on-two tournaments. Regulars were Alan and John Cassidy, Bill and Richard Sawtell, Gerald Heskett, Art Stanhope, Bryan Artes, and Gordon Joslyn.

Stickney's featured one basket and was short, not much room for two on two.

Railroader greats, like Dave Chase, Denny Harshaw, and Buffy Butterfield played at the B and A freight shed at the end of Henderson Street. There were nails in the walls, and balls sometimes got punctured. Dave Chase practiced his classic driving moves there.

Playing in barns is a vestige of a bygone era, as is playing outdoors in the winter after shoveling the court off, a la Wally Russell.

Bryan Artes was an excellent shooter in Sawtell's barn and became a fine left winger in Carroll Conley's one three one offense on the high scoring 1965-66 team at BJHS. Alan Cassidy was a great barn player who never played for the Railroaders.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE COOK SCHOOL IN LAGRANGE:

At our January 7th assembly, Logan Stanley, Samantha Noke and Jonathan Harrington were named Terrific Kids. Ms. Ivy said that Logan has done an excellent job adjusting to his new class. Logan was with us once before and we are happy to welcome him back. He is a wonderful kind friend. Mrs. Carter is so proud of Samantha. She is a Terrific Kid every week. Samantha always finishes her work. She edits on her own and is a kind friend. Jonathan has worked very hard to be Terrific Kid. He returned his homework every day this



week. He has worked hard to fit into our class and follow our classroom routine. Jon has made lots of new friends.

Bus Students of the Week: Isaiah Bess, Harli Moors and Morgan Drake.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



The K-5 students at the Cook School enjoyed snow shoeing during Mrs. Russell's P. E. Class.

Students at the Marion C, Cook School in LaGrange are collecting Coins for Kids. This money will be donated to a charity that will help children who survived the tsunami.



The SAD #41 staff and students are trying to raise money for Tsunami Disaster Relief. It is a completely voluntary effort and all contribution are appreciated. Donations will be made to agencies that promise to send over 90% of the money directly to affected areas.

On January 20 elementary schools Brownville Elementary, Milo Elementary & M.C. Cook will hold **HAT DAY and COINS FOR KIDS** day. Please check with each school on how you can participate. Donation cans will also be at Penquis basketball games. The Penquis Valley Student Council and CAD (computer-assisted design) classes will be working on projects at the Penquis complex. **If anyone would like to make a donation, it can be left at the offices of any school until the end of January. The staff hopes that this effort**

will help their students see that they can make a difference in the lives of others.

FROM BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY:

Physical Education isn't what it used to be. Elementary students in SAD # 41 have the opportunity to learn lifelong activities like snowshoeing and cross country skiing.



Here some Brownville students prepare to snowshoe on trails prepared by Mrs. Russell, the PE teacher. Thank you Mrs. Russell!!



Dani Word and Paige McGuinness are two of the Penquis Middle School cheerleaders this year. All of the girls do a great job supporting the teams and entertaining the crowd. Just like the boys and girls teams they cheer for, this squad is #1!

On Our Weigh

BY CHRIS BERES

The M.S.A.D. # 41 Wellness Team has been awarded a grant from the Piscataquis Public Health Council , a Healthy Maine Partnership, for a weekly group meeting for those interested in weight loss, exercise and overall life style changes to promote good health.

The group will begin on February 1, 2005. The meetings will be held on Tuesday afternoons beginning at 3:00 pm at the Milo Elementary Gym. There will be an opportunity for weekly weigh in, recipe exchanges, physical activity for those who are interested. There will be speakers as well on some weeks. There is no charge for participation and the

group is open to all MSAD #41 community members. The program will meet for 52 weeks.

Anyone who is interested in helping to facilitate the weekly meetings is encouraged to contact Tina Johnston either at school, 943-2122 or at home 943-8818. There is a small stipend for this position. Deadline for those interested is January 14, 2005.

Community members interested in participating in the group are also asked to contact Mrs. Johnston.

We invite YOU to join SOAR of Maine/Milo at our monthly meeting to be held at the American Legion Joseph P. Chaisson Post #41 on W. Main Street, Milo, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on January 11th. We will share updates since the previous meeting and discuss plans for future campaigns. We appreciate your input and welcome your involvement. Please join the excitement as we explore the many ways we Support Our Troops throughout our communities. Please feel free to contact Peg at 943-5817 or Sue at 965-8182, coordinators of SOAR/Maine (Support Our American Recruits).

MILO FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

By Judith Macdougall

The old year is gone, the holidays are over and 2005 has begun. A clean slate and a wonderful opportunity to make ourselves over. Maybe we won't accomplish all we want to in the next 12 months, but we can make little changes that might make big differences in our lives. Your library would like to help out. We have some of the newest best sellers on hand. If you want to read the latest fiction and non-fiction come to the library. By the way, if we don't have the title you want, we can usually get it from the Bangor Public Library by ILL (Interlibrary Loan). We e-mail the library and if the title is available, we could have it in as little as 2 days. Not too bad at all. If one of your resolutions has been to learn to use the computer, come to the library. We do not give extensive lessons, but Pam can help you become comfortable with the machine. She can teach you the basics such as this e-mail everyone talks about or how to type a letter or a resume on WORD. Our printer will then print pages out professionally and you'll have a sharp piece of writing. Or maybe one of your resolutions is to get your children to the library more in 2005. This winter is a great time to start. We have a monthly Preschool Story Time just right for the younger patrons directed by Melissa Hill. Later in the spring the Kiwanis Kids Korner will entertain your school age child with stories, crafts, snacks and fellowship. We have a fun children's area with a child size table and chairs, Clifford the Big Red Dog and Curious George are our hosts, and we have lots of Beanie Baby toys to entertain the youngest patrons. And let's not forget we have many juvenile books including board books, picture books beginner readers, early chapter books, animal stories and even the classics. Familiarize your child with our library this winter, and they'll be anxious to join our summer reading program in June. The theme is DRAGONS, DREAMS and DARING DEEDS. Doesn't that sound like a great program! Your library is right in the center of town waiting to be of service to your whole family.

We had a busy time this week with our younger patrons. As the holidays wind down, folks are getting back into

their routine. On Monday, January 3rd, Melissa Hill had her Preschool Story Time. There were four children in attendance and three grandmothers. Melissa read several stories and then the children enjoyed a simple craft most appropriate for this month--- a snowman. With pre-cut circles they glued their snowmen onto blue construction paper and with glue sticks they were able to decide how the cotton ball snowflakes would fall around their snowman. What fun! Several children have been coming to this program regularly, and the library staff is enjoying getting to know them.

On Wednesday Pam was ill and Victoria Eastman substituted for her. Victoria had to bring her 4 year old son, Victor, for awhile until his father could pick him up. Victor was a big help to us helping his mom as she put books away. He even helped her to stamp library books (he loved this). Patrons enjoyed making his acquaintance, and one male patron even shook his hand. Victor manfully shook hands too. We had a lively day while Victor was with us. Little people are the library's future and we surely enjoy having them come in.

Our next Preschool Story Time will be Monday, February 7th at 1:30-2:30.

Library Winter Hours

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

Saturday 2:00-4:00

Please Note:-We will be closed

MONDAY JANUARY 17TH

In Observance of

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

A letter of thanks:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the area churches for putting me on their prayer lists. I would also like to thank all of the members of St. John's Episcopal Church for all their kindness shown to me while I was laid up.

A special thanks to my family and friends for all their help while I was recovering from my surgery,

Thank-You all,

Ella Nason

Traditions of a Milo-ite

by Kathy Witham

I know you probably hate it when I begin my column by begging forgiveness. I've worked in a school, around teachers, and children for too many years not to be influenced by them and their assignments. Every now and then I have to do a book report. A few years ago, I gave my cousin Karen the Mitford Series of books for a Christmas present. I presented her with the books with a stipulation.... that she allow me to read them when she was done with them. She read them, and then passed them right along to me. I dawdled over beginning them. I have so many books piled up to read that I try to put them in order knowing that if I live long enough I'll get them all read....yeah right! The Mitford Series intrigued me. I kind of moved it up the list. The copies that I had were soft covered and felt comfortable in my hands. They were of a manageable length; and they were, after all, a series. If I didn't like the first one, surely I wouldn't like the rest and so could pass them back to Karen.

I loved the first book....and found that if I carried the book away from home with me, I felt the need to take the next book in the series just in case I finished the current book. I wouldn't want to be stranded without something to read, you know. Mind you, that never happened, and so I always carried extra "stuff" with me unnecessarily. That would be me...always taking more than was necessary just in case. "Just in case" is my mantra.

Anyway, the Mitford series is a series of books about what? The main character is an Episcopal priest. The setting is a small community in the western mountains of North Carolina. The

time is supposedly the present, but actually the story is ageless with little mention of the kind of technology that would date it. Father Timothy Kavanagh is a confirmed bachelor, devoted to his parish and parishioners. They are a mix of characters who, true to their name, are "characters" one and all.

Father Tim is compassionate, friendly and humorous. Every time I pick the book up I laugh...sometimes heartily. The author, Jan Karon, and I share the same sense of humor. It's always like she's writing the way I wish I could. We speak the same language and obviously both find the humor in everyday, ordinary life. She never says anything funny that I don't "get." Her books have made me think a lot about humor and how important I think it is. It also makes me wonder about people who don't laugh or find things unamusing. Like letting down their guard to laugh would somehow make them vulnerable....how sad is that?

My marriage would have been short lived if I'd had that poker faced kind of personality because I live with a comic....a stand up comedian...and there is no stopping his humor. He passed that trait on to his children...and I like to think that, although I wasn't necessarily born with it....a little has rubbed off on me.

But, I digress. Father Tim walks the walk and talks the talk. He ministers wholly, all week, to all ages. Their little town is bordered on the outskirts by an area of poverty-stricken people. Much like other little towns, the citizens of the area known as the creek are less educated and often times live a little outside the law. Father Tim rescues a sickly old grandfather who is trying to raise his little grandson. When the old grampy is hospitalized, the young child is thrust into the household of the priest; and the child is given the opportunity of a lifetime. His wonderful brain and God given musical abilities are recognized by not only the priest, but also other community members who are in a position to help him. Dooley Barlow is one lucky little boy.

In a small yellow bungalow next door to the rectory moved a beautiful and intelligent children's author named Cynthia Coppersmith. Her personality totally compliments that of the priest. Her loving and caring ways captivate him...and even though it takes him an inordinate amount of time to admit it...he falls head over heels in love. The town goes nuts! I think that the reaction of the town to his proposal of marriage....and the sequel to the series that details the wedding plans and the wedding has been my favorite part of learning about Mitford and it's people.

I love living in a small town, and I guess that by my reaction to this series of books it doesn't matter where the small town is...I'd love to be there. It's fun to know the "characters" in your town. If someone were to write a novel...or a series about Milo...who would the "characters" be? Certainly we've had our share of "characters" over the years. We ought to make that a goal....to write stories about the "characters" of Milo. I challenge you all to write about a character that you remember...or that you know of in this community, and e-mail your story to me....or hand deliver it....or plain old mail it to me here on Elm Street in Milo. Who has made an impression on you? Who would you consider worthy of "character" status? The memories of too many "characters" are being lost forever with the demise of our oldest generation.

Pick a "character" from Milo. Write or call me with what you remember about him or her...either a thumbnail of that person in general, or specifics, and I'll see what I can do about compiling the information. Stories in good taste will be welcomed in the Three Rivers News, I'm sure. And, if you don't want to take any credit for writing the story...I don't mind taking all the credit!!

The November 3, 2004 edition of the Bangor Daily News ran a story about author Jan Karon's book entitled Jan Karon's Mitford Cookbook & Kitchen Reader. I forgot to put that book on my Christmas Wish List, but sooner or later I'll pick it up for myself. The book is filled with wonderful recipes...recipes that were mentioned in her series. I'd like to think that if we ever compile a book of "characters" from Milo that we could put some of Milo's famous recipes in it as well.

One recipe that I will surely add to the book is my cousin **Marilyn Bailey's Peanut Butter Brownie** recipe. I have made it famous by printing it in the pages of the Three River's

News in the past, and will rerun it now for those of you who forgot to cut it out before.

1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1-1/2 cups sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup shortening
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup chopped walnuts (if desired)

Cream the sugar, peanut butter and shortening. Add the eggs and then the vanilla. Sift in the dry ingredients. Stir in chocolate chips and walnuts. Turn into a greased 9X13 pan and bake at 350 °s for 25 to 30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares.

The Milo District Schools

By Lloyd J. Treworgy
Continued Part XXXXI

Baseball or spelling bee or a game of flinch – it was all entertainment. And it was so with the annual arrival of the Price-Weber show at Chase's Hall.

The show always arrived (with all the regularity of the swallow of Capistrano) during mud time. That would be about the end of April or the first part of May, Nora Hamlin told me. Nora was Nora Ramsdell then and lived in the first house on the Ramsdell Road.

"We always came out to the show in a hayrack," she said, "in order to keep out of the mud."

Price-Weber was one of the characteristic traveling shows of the day, moving from town to town by horse or horses and carriage – depending on the amount of equipment they carried. Price-Weber offered a varied program including dog acts, a hypnotist, vaudeville and a version of "Uncle tom's Cabin", which always had a scene showing Eliza crossing the river from ice cake to ice cake.

The price of admission, several said, was ten cents.

Some traveling shows, it should be added, offered bagged popcorn for a nickel. This was guaranteed in the sales pitch to be without "old maids" – the name given to unpopped kernels. Old maids chewed pretty hard and were quite unpleasant when you set your teeth hard against one unsuspectingly.

Now, all the recollections that appear in this story come from years long past – from 55 to 65 years ago.

For the most part they don't concern things learned from books, although a few do. Nora Hamlin remembers the first page of the primer she had in her first year at the Stanchfield Ridge School. It read: "I see. I see you. I see." And Edith White can recall when Luvie Hackett (who later married Joe McKeen and lived in the house next on the village side of the Methodist Church) used to read every noon, a chapter from "The Last of the Mohicans". Luvie was an excellent reader and the scholars used to beg her to read more. Edith hasn't read the story since, though, and it has become blurred so that she remembers only that it was "a story about Indians".

Of Luvie Hackett McKeen, however, we must write more – for she was one of the very strong teachers of that period. Teacher HAD to be strong then, and firm – sometimes downright harsh. If they weren't, they were better off to leave teaching and do something else for work.

The disciplinary strength of Luvie Hackett, Mrs. Arthur Carey, Sr., remembers clearly. Mrs. Carey came from Kenduskeag, about 1905, and went into the second grade. Her experience with Luvie comes from the year when she was in the 8th grade.

This was a turbulent period, for most of the year. The class was prone to act out, drove two teachers out early and didn't learn much until along toward the end of the year.

The first teacher, Mrs. Carey said, was "crazy". Well, crazy – she was odd and didn't get along well with the class. The second, Mrs. Carey said, "was scared to death of the class."

Then Elder McClain, Pastor of the Methodist church, came in as an interim teacher, until someone could be found to take charge.

The one they found was Luvie Hackett. And about as soon as she came, the class settled down.

Details of the settling process have become obscured, but one fact Mrs. Carey remembers.

"After she came," said Mrs. Carey, "you could hear a pin drop in the room."

Surveying the results of her strong arm, somewhat later, Luvie remarked, perhaps a little grimly, "I was told that this was an unruly school. I wondered what the matter was – teacher or scholars!"

Luvie always planned to take a situation in hand while it was still only a situation.

Edith White remembers the time when Luvie grabbed Bill Owen by the collar so roughly that she broke off a button and sent it zooming against the blackboard. Bill held on to his seat firmly enough so that she couldn't yank him out of it. He evidently had the feeling, however, that something after the order of a tornado had struck.

"He turned awfully red in the face," Edith recalls.

When the button struck the blackboard, Luvie felt, no doubt, that she had made her meaning clear.

"She let go then," Edith said.

Martha Gould, of Charles St., one of the five alive today in Milo who taught in the district schools, told me with a laugh, that she herself was regarded as quite a martinet during her teaching years.

"I met a former scholar, a little while ago," she said, "Who told me `You were the ugliest teacher I ever had`".

"I told him, `Well, I've changed now`". Martha said.

She added, "I had only to look at scholars to get obedience. If they were inattentive, I would stand still and say 'I'm waiting'. It always worked."

"I got that," she said, "from Dr. William Powers, who was principal of Washington State Normal School, at Machais. He used to say 'Stop and wait. Don't do a thing without their attention'."

Dr. Powers has been buried these many years in the Brownville Cemetery, far corner, on the left.

IN MEMORIAM

PAUL R. ROBERTSON

MILO - Paul R. Robertson died Jan. 2, 2005, at home following a lengthy illness. He was born June 3, 1929, a son of Neill and Susie (Daggett) Robertson, above the railroad station in Sherman Station. He attended high school in Greenville and Island Falls, graduating in 1946, at age 16. Paul had a love for railroading, working for more than 40 years as a station agent/telegrapher for the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad, in stations from Aroostook County, Greenville, Milo, Derby, Searsport, with his favorites being a converted caboose in Brownville, and living with his family above the station in Monson Jct.. Paul came from a musical family, and had several brothers that played for the Big Bands, himself being an accomplished clarinetist. He enjoyed coaching at the youth level, and had many fond memories of instructing the Island Falls Little League team, with his friend Brian Wing in 1963, especially of taking the team on an after-season camping trip to Moosehead Lake.

After many years of wondering why anyone would chase a little white ball around a field, he tried golfing at the age of 50, got hooked, played daily after his retirement in 1989. Paul was very family/friend oriented, getting much enjoyment from preparing his corn chowder, putting on a pot of coffee and spending an evening playing cards. He is survived by his wife, Denice Stevens Robertson; sons, Joel Robertson and wife, Marie, of Washington State, twin sons, Kirby Robertson and wife, Valerie,

of Milo, Kevin Robertson and wife, Patricia, of Thomaston; sisters, Roberta Kittredge, and her husband, Philip, of Bangor, Loretta Grinnell of Milo; grandchildren, April Bishop of Island Falls, Jason Robertson of Texas, Katie Robertson of Brownville, Ben Robertson of Burlington, VT, Sarah Robertson of Rockland, Andrew and Nathan Robertson of Thomaston. Paul has three great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held in the spring of 2005.

SHIRLEY J. SIMOND

MILLINOCKET and MILO Shirley J. Simond, 66, died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005, at a Bangor hospital. She was born in Millinocket, the daughter of Peter J. and Harriet (Tinkham) Simond. Shirley was a graduate of St. Martin's School, Class of 1956. She worked for several years at the First National Store in Millinocket and also at the IGA in Millinocket. She later worked at Dexter Shoe in Milo for more than 30 years retiring in 1999. Shirley moved back to Millinocket in June 2004, where she had resided at Terra Haute Apartments. She is survived by one sister, Ann and husband, Wilfred J. Cyr, of Millinocket; three nieces, Susan E. Cyr and friend, Ken Howard, of Detroit, Theresa A. Lane and husband, Steve, and Brenda J. Cyr and friend, Robert Whalen, all of Millinocket; two great-nieces, Taylor and Shelby Lane; and a special aunt, Ella Astle of Falmouth Foreside. She also leaves her very special pet, Niko.. If friends wish, memorial contributions may be made to the Katahdin Area Support Group, 10 Field St., Millinocket, ME 04462. For online register book, please visit www.bouchardfh.com

Thomas Russell Poole

Thomas Russell Poole (age 58) passed away suddenly on September 9, 2004 at his home in Ikoma, Japan.

Mr. Poole was born in Milo, Maine in 1946. He attended Glen Cove Bible College, Maine, and was a graduate of UMO at Orono and Machias, Maine. He completed graduate work in Israel, and holds a Masters degree in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Massachusetts. He has also been a teacher in Maine, New Jersey Florida, Venezuela, Taiwan and Japan.. For the past seven years he was serving as a missionary with Japan Mission as Principal and teacher at Kansai Christian School in Ikoma, Japan. He also served three years in Taiwan under SEND International. He taught in New Jersey at DePaul High School, Northwest Christian School and in Vernon and Montague, all while living in the Branchville area. Mr. Poole also served with the National Guard.

Mr. Poole is predeceased by his parents, Sheldon and Pearl (Russell) Poole of Maine and Florida.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Barbara (Harris), formerly of Branchville, N.J. three sons, Matthew (18), Timothy (17) and Jesse (14) all at home in Japan., a sister Sharon Gellis of Florida and a brother Richard of Massachusetts, and several aunts, uncles and cousins, nieces and nephews..

In lieu of flowers or other gifts, contributions for the family itself may be sent to Barbara Poole, P.O. Box 2345, Branchville, N.J. 07826, or for the mission, to Japan Mission, D.M. Stearns Missionary Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 1578, North Wales, Pa 19454. Add Memo: Japan Mission #218-Pooles.

Memorial services will be held in Milo, Me. and in Sussex county N.J in the summer of 2005. Times and places to be announced.

CHARLOTTE LOUISE HOWARD

BRADFORD - Charlotte Louise (Willis) Howard, 71, died Jan. 3, 2005, at her home. She was born May 3, 1933, in Lynn, Mass., the daughter of Robert and Ethel Willis. She chose Bradford as her home in 1956 and happily resided there until her death. She was predeceased by a daughter, Lucy, in 1977; and a son, Gene, in 1984. She is survived by six loving children, Louise Boutot and her husband, Richard, of Carmel, Laura Burton and her husband, Elwin, of Abbot, Linda Howard of Milo, Dan Howard and his friend, Heather Heanssler, of Orrington, Bobbi Hunter and her husband, Eli, of Lawrenceville, N.J., and Jim Howard of Bradford; five grandchildren, Chris and Janice Rowell, Charlotte Hunter, Olivia and Jackie Heanssler; three great-grandchildren,

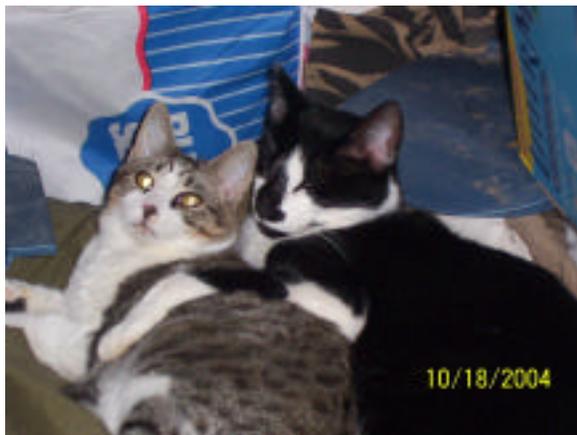
Joe and Kate Philbrick, and Hayden Rowell; dear friends, Stu and Eileen Bartlett; and a sister, Barbara Moore. Charlotte was a lifelong lover of animals and nature and will miss her loyal friend Bitsy. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bangor Humane Society, 693 Mount Hope Ave., Bangor. She devoted her life to her children and animals and was a huge fan of UMO Sports Teams. Go Black Bears!

ROBERT M. ELSEMORE JR.

BROWNVILLE JCT. - Robert M. Elsemore Jr., 51, died at his home in Brownville Jct., following a long illness. He was born Sept. 14, 1953, in Greenville son of Nancy (Richards) Elsemore and the late Robert Elsemore Sr. Rob loved to read and do crossword puzzles. He was an avid ice fisherman and enjoyed photography and roaming through the woods. He is survived by his mother; a sister, Janice; brothers, Rock and Dana; children, Meuriella and Jerry; and grandson, Gage. Services will be private. Donations in Rob's memory may be made to the Greenville High Auditorium Fund, care of Janice Lavigne, P.O. Box 52, Greenville, ME 04441.

METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

There will be a meeting of the United Methodist Women on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Church at 7:PM. also NOW people are asked to meet on Monday, Jan. 17, at the church.



UP ON THE FARM

BY VALERIE ROBERTSON

Before you get all excited and think those two guys are up for adoption, they are not!! That's my Phil and Ranger and they are the best of friends! I am frequently asked if all of my animals get along, and as you can see, they do. Ranger came to us as a half-dead kitten and has grown up to be a lively, loving addition to our animal family. He and Phil are inseparable and constantly on the prowl for things to do. When they take a finally take a break for a cat nap, they even do that as a team.

The days have been cold here in Milo, and the nights colder. At about 4:30 each evening I give the animals one last drink and snack and lock them snugly into their barn. Last night I notice only 5 guineas on their perches in the coop, but figured the other 2 were probably hanging with the goats or

ducks. I said good night, locked the coop and went about my business.

At daybreak today, I was awakened by a guinea concert, the squawking was loud and steady. I wondered to myself how the goats kept their sanity being locked in a small building with the noisy fowl. As the calls from the birds got louder I realized I wasn't going to get back to sleep, so I got up and started the morning feeding. Kirby was watching the news in the living room and had his own concert to deal with. We have three parakeets hanging in a cage from the ceiling in the dining room. One we had and two I rescued. They were at a residence where I was looking for cats, and found them covered by a blanket, listless, and scared. I brought them home, introduced them to my "Blueberry" and they have been a happy flock ever since. Anyway, the three of them start singing and chirping at the first sound from the outdoor birds, adding their own piece of music to the bird orchestra.

With a background of music in the key of "fowl", I fed the dogs and cats, then gathered up the bread, grain, seeds and veggies for the the barnyard critters. As I walked toward the stall, I again wondered if the noise from the guineas was irritating to Jack and Ozzie, the goats. As I rounded the end of house, my eyes were drawn to a tree-top near the coop and I immediately knew why the guineas were extra loud this morning; two of the young guineas were out of the coop in a that tree top! They had spent a cold Maine night outside!



I feel like an unfit farmer, but all ended well. The two young guys who spent the night outside are happily eating beside their friends and no harm was done.



All of us on the farm hope this new year is wonderful for all of you, your loved ones and your pets. I've got to go, the sun is out and I have chores to do and animals to watch.

DOWN AT THE SHELTER

BY VALERIE ROBERTSON

Things are still very busy and jumping at P.A.W.S. We have over 30 cats and 2 dogs and keeping things running smooth is a full-time job. Our volunteers are wonderful, and we would like to start this new year off by thanking each one personally. Our Monday morning girl is none other than my favorite daughter Katie. Katie is also our resident medical advisor. We save a ton of money by ordering our own distemper vaccines and Katie is our shot-giver.

Tuesday's belong to Mary Jean Pokrywka, and she does so many things beyond the usual duties, including dropping off little gifts when she notices we are low on one item or another. So far she has only adopted one guy from the shelter, but I'll bet Stan holds his breath every time she is at P.A.W.S., wondering if she will give in to her heart. Mary Jean loves each and every animal and is a wonderful addition to our volunteer family.

Sandy Smart is our Wednesday AND Thursday volunteer. Her commitment to the kitties is unparalleled. Not only does she love everyone at the shelter, she and her husband Jeff insulated and winterized the building!. She monitors the health of everyone there and, like Mary Jean, e-mails me to keep in touch on the days she's not there. Thank-You!

Friday's belong to Wanda Freese, who also pours her heart and soul into her time at the shelter. She and her daughter Roxanne have given so much to the shelter, including the wonderful gift stockings Roxanne sent for the kitties. Wanda usually splits her shift at the shelter, and spends both the morning and afternoon cleaning and petting and loving.

Right now Julie does Saturday's but we are hoping to enlist a volunteer or two to cover the morning. Julie spends at least two hours every evening at the shelter and she really could use Saturday off to tend to her own bunch.. Julie's dedication to the animals of the area is incredible, and her work with her PETS organization is making a huge difference in the stray animal population. Call her at 943-5083 if you need financial help in getting your companion animal fixed.

Sunday, the day of rest, belongs to Amanda Rideout. Amanda has a very demanding weekday job and her hours spent at the shelter are so appreciated. She tends to and loves the animals there as if they were her own, all the while cleaning the place beautifully. We are so lucky to have her and all of the others!

We have a few cats who need homes. The majority of the bunch there are so wild that they aren't ready to go to homes yet, but we do have a few sweeties that would make great pets! Garfield is a wonderful orange fellow. He is neutered and up on his vaccinations and very affectionate. Gracie is a beautiful dark calico, and is very dainty in appearance. She is a little shy, but would love to be the only kitty in the house. She likes people and would be a great pet.

Mary is a shy young girl with tons of personality. She is a bit skittish, but sweet. She is a brown tiger with really cute markings.

Peter is a majestic brown male. His tiger markings and large body make him a truly stunning cat. He is perfectly

friendly as well as a joy to look at. He would make a wonderful pet.

We were saddened to hear of Shirley Simond's passing. She was a great friend to the shelter, always giving both money and goods. Some say that the gate to heaven is guarded by every animal you have had contact with in your life, and they decide your eternal fate. Shirley is a shoe-in to be welcomed with open paws!

My father-in-law, Paul Robertson, is another animal lover who passed this last week. Paul loved every one of our dogs as if they were his own, and spoiled them when they went to visit. We have received a few donations to the shelter in his honor, including one from his son Joel (Jody) and Janet and Donnie Richards. We thank you.

For all of you who donate on a regular basis, either in the cans at the Farmer's Union, by putting items in our collection bins there, or by dropping items off on the porch, THANK YOU! We would like to remind you that we have charitable status so your donations are tax-deductible, so if you need a receipt, we will provide you with one. We are still a few thousand dollars short of purchasing our building, so every little bit helps...A LOT!!

Our next fundraiser is going to be:

THE FIRST ANNUAL THREE RIVERS

KIWANIS and P.A.W.S.: CHILI and CHOWDER COOKOFF

*Area Chefs and Cooks are invited to prepare their most delicious chowder or chili, and bring it to the Milo Town Hall, where it will be judged anonymously by area eaters!
Entry fee-\$10

*Area residents will pay \$5 for the opportunity to sample every entry, and cast a vote for the best chili and a vote for the best chowder.

*Dessert and beverages will be provided, as well as lots of crackers!!

*There will be entertainment as well as a wonderful array of door prizes.

All money raised will benefit the P.A.W.S. Shelter in Milo.

Call 943-2324 to enter.

We will be hand-delivering letters to area businesses and organizations inviting them to submit an entry, but we know the best recipe is YOURS. The judging will be at the Milo Town Hall Performing Arts Center, and will be Saturday, March 19th, from 4 PM til 6PM. Each diner will be given a ballot to vote for his or her choices for best chili or best chowder. We already have a few entrants, and we know this will be a great way to chase away the winter doldrums and welcome spring with a bang...especially for the chili judges!

We are also planning another appearance by Travis Cowing...Milo's own funny man. We are determined to get the building paid off by the end of 2005, so if you can think of any way to help, feel free to give us a call. We want to thank Ethelyn Treworgy for giving us the idea, and Three Rivers Kiwanis for lending us their support. We are going to have a great New Year, and we hope you do too!!

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.

JANUARY 5, 2005 MEETING MINUTES

President Murrel Harris greeted twenty-one members this morning. The flag salute was led by Eben DeWitt. Don St.Cyr, especially remembering the tragedy in Asia, gave the prayer. He also asked for prayers for those serving others, including troops, wherever they may be, and for our area to see improvement in our own economy.

The inspirational reading was by Don Harris. He read the SOLDIER'S CREED*, remembering our speaker from last week, Randy Kluj, U.S. Army, as he returned to Ft. Rucker, Alabama, several days ago, where he will receive his "wings" as a helicopter pilot and be serving in harm's way. We think of his family and friends at this time and wish him God's blessings.

Correspondence this morning was a Newsletter from Orono/Old Town and was passed for all to read.

Birthdays this week are January 6, Mike Comeau, on January 7, Chris Beres has some birthday cake to enjoy and on January 8, Bob Ellison celebrates a very big day!

Nine Happy and Sad dollars were donated for new job, new truck, for Val's fonts, for grandparents waiting for Olivia to be born, for two fellow Kiwanians with fun dogs and several dollars in memory of old friend, Paul Robertson. A sad dollar was donated for friend Randy Kluj leaving for Ft. Rucker and a happy dollar for Randy accomplishing his lifelong dream.

David Walker reported on Key Club activities including the sale of food at the basketball games and several trips planned to Manna in coming weeks.

Val Robertson reported on Three Rivers News. Val stated that there is a work in progress to print *Three Rivers News* with larger print (fonts) for those who may need a larger print to better enjoy the local news. It is possible that the larger print will be available by subscription soon.

Chris Almy reported on Kiwanis interclub advising us this morning that six members, Chris, Jan, George, Edwin, Ethelyn and Eben went to Dexter on Dec. 31 at 6:30 am! Good work, friends!

Discussion was held about the need for storage for Kiwanis auction items. Several members discussed a cook-off. More on that coming up.

The board meeting for Thursday, Jan 6 is cancelled and will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11th. An e-mail notice will be sent to all board members to advise them of this change.

Carl Wilson, JMG was our guest speaker this morning. He has been in this position for six years. He advises that the JMG (Jobs for Maine Graduates) will most likely be changed to *Inspire ME* as soon as the Legislature meets to act on it. He stated that he has 45 youths in the program from grades 9-12. Most important thing is to provide an opportunity for these young people as they move through the grades and get to graduation. They learn to work together and develop leadership skills and strive for the really big things they may wish to achieve.

Next Wednesday's meeting will be a regular business meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary

The Soldiers Creed

I am an American Soldier.

I am a Warrior and a member of the team.

I serve the people of the United States and live the Army Values.

I will always place the mission first.

I will never accept defeat.

I will never quit.

I will never leave a fallen comrade.

I am disciplined, physically and mentally tough, trained and proficient in my warrior tasks and drills. I always maintain my arms, my equipment and myself.

I am an expert and I am a professional.

I stand ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of The United States of America in close combat.

I am a guardian of freedom and the American way of life.

I am an American Soldier.

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