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The Key Club is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive

this Wednesday, December 14th from 2:00-7:00 PM, at the PVHS Cafeteria. .
Give the best gift of all this holiday season-The Gift of Life. All who are eligible are encouraged to donate blood.

Milo Elementary School wins grant

Julie Knowlton (shown below) and three colleagues (Rob Borden, Melanie Hussey and Elaine Tardiff) wrote a science grant and submitted it to National Semiconductor. They were notified today that they had been awarded the grant. The grant will provide $4722 worth of science equipment for the school. Each teacher will also receive a $500 stipend for their own use.

The project is titled "Motion and Speed-Let the Race Begin." The letters informing them of the grant award came with a delightful arrangement of decorated cookies that had racing flags and cars and the slogan "Let the Race Begin".

TAP, JAZZ AND BALLET!!!

Come and enjoy seeing what the local girls from Morita’s School of Dance have in store for you at their Christmas Recital. There will be girls aged 3 to 13 dancing and entertaining you. Please come and see how hard they have been working. The program is at the Milo Town Hall on December 21st at 6:30 p.m. The admission is free!! Hope to see you there!!

The schedule for Christmas services
for the Methodist Churches of Milo and Brownville Jct.----
7:00 PM Dec. 24th Christmas Candle Light Service at Brownville Jct; 11:00 PM,
Dec.24th Christmas Candle Light Service at Milo; 10:00 AM Christmas Morning, Combined Services at Brownville Junction. No service at Milo.

It's time to order **CHOCOLATE PIZZA** for Christmas giving!
Mini, small and large.....chocolate and chocolate/peanut butter....something for everyone!

Size	Chocolate	Choc/Peanut Butter
Mini	$1.50	$2.00
Small (8")	$6.00	$7.00
Large (10")	$8.00	$9.00

Added attraction this year: 5" Christmas trees (made in a cookie cutter) $3.00 each and available in green or white chocolate,dark chocolate, milk chocolate and chocolate/peanut butter(Quantities are limited) To order, call 965-8070 evenings to order andarrange for pick up.
Orders will be taken until Dec. 16.

The Corinth United Methodist church will be holding their annual Christmas cantata on Saturday Dec. 17th at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday Dec. 18th at 10:30 a.m. all are invited to attend, Admission is free.

PAWS IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

IF YOU HAVE A FEW SPARE HOURS A WEEK, WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU . THE HOURS ARE VERY FLEXIBLE. CALL 943-2324 FOR MORE INFO!!

Coming Down

By Bill Sawtell

The former Cohen Block and Richardson's Store, one of the last of several buildings on the former Main Street in Brownville Junction now being taken down. Cohen's Hall was the site of meetings of the Canadian Pacific Trainmen's Lodge and Auxiliary and dances.

SCHOOL SPORTS

BY BILL SAWTELL

Patriots Win Opener Penquis 58, PVHS 42

Milo, December 10--Depth and defense and 22 points from Nate Allen led the boys in their season opener here against PVHS. The home team led at all the stops being slightly threatened at the 3:00 mark of the third period, when the visitors drew within three 35-32 when an Ian Carey conventional three pointer and an Allen stutter step move gave Tony Hamlin's club all the breathing space they needed. And they coasted to the win, despite a fine offensive show by Matt Cummings who tallied 20 for the boys from down the Piscataquis.

Kole Stevens played a fine all around game for Penquis from his forward position.

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On Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at 7:00 PM the Piscataquis County Republican Committee will meet at the County Court House, Probate
Room. The guest speaker will be Chandler Woodcock, gubernatorial candidate in the upcoming 2006 election. A pie social will follow the meeting.

Quarter Scores:
PVHS 4 17 34 42
Patriots 13 26 42 58
Officials: Frey and Harmon
Middle School Basketball

Railroader Girls Thump Hichborn (Howland)

Howland, December 6--Sadie Zambrano hit a three early and the PVMS girls never looked back, as he evened their season record here at 1-1 by defeating their rivals from down the Piscataquis 40-15.

Dawn Russell's girls played good person-to-person defense with the intensity she wanted and were paced by Shelby Weston and Shelby Fowles, who scored 10 points and seven points respectively.

The Railroader girls scored several transition hoops and got good hustle by Zambrano, Ashley Burch, and Susanne Brown on defense.

Erica Green led Hichborn with eight tallies and did some good work on the boards.

Quarter Scores:
PVMS 18 24 32 40
Hichborn 3 5 9 15
Officials: Cullen and Weatherbee

Railroader Boys Thrash Hichborn (Howland) PVMS 68-Hichborn 20

Howland, December 6--Chris Cowing's Railroaders played a fine all-around game in downing the Cougars before their home crowd here 68-20. Bryan Russell played a great first half scoring most of his game high 12 points. And Jerell Arefein picked up where Bryan left off in the second half, seconding Russell with 10 points. But it was a team effort.

Coach Cowing wanted his boys to work on the half court trap. The boys completely took Hichborn out of its half court game and did a good job of denying and contesting shots as well as anticipating.
Adam Callender had eight for Hichborn and worked well in the paint.
Quarter Scores:
PVMS 12 33 48 68
Hichborn 6 8 15 20
Officials: Cullen and Weatherbee
PVMS Girls Lose Home Opener Dexter 37, PVMS 18
Milo, December 8--Sara Murray of the visitors equaled the entire output of the Lady Railroaders here with 18 points, as Seen Here are PVMS Railroaders, Seventh Graders Bryan Russell and Jerell Arafein who paced their team to the win in Howland with 12 and 10 points respectively. The two also showed much hustle in the following win over Dexter.
Dawn Russell' s girls went down to their second defeat of the young season.
PVMS was paced by the Shelbys, Weston and Fowler, and Shaniqua Price who all tallied four.
Quarter Scores:
Dexter 11 20 30 37
PVMS 7 11 16 18

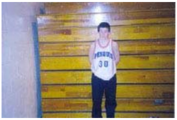
Beres Takes Reins Again

BY BILL SAWTELL

Chris Beres has become president of the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club for the second time in its history, having first served in 2000-2001 when the club was a Distinguished Club and she was a Distinguished President.

The Milo Elementary School principal had a sense that that the structure of Kiwanis itself was losing some of its history on all levels-local, national, and international. " We were just becoming a pocket of money as opposed to a vital organization, " she says. " A lot of that is natural over time. It's not a blame issue. It's cyclical."

Officials: Andrews and Brown
PVMS Boys Roll to Third Straight
Railroaders 45, Dexter 16
Milo, December 8--Chris Cowing's team won its third in a row and their home opener here in a convincing fashion downing Dexter 45-16, with all players contributing. Jerell Arafein led all scorers with eight, while Chad Badger, in particular, showed much hustle.
Kyle Gwel led Dexter with seven.
Quarter Scores:
Dexter 2 9 13 16
PVMS 17 28 38 45
Officials: Andrews and Brown
Seen here is Dexter's Sara Murray, who led all scorers in her team's win over the Lady Railroaders here on December 8 with 18. Seen here is PVMS Railroader Chad Badger, who showed much hustle and desire in the boys win over Dexter at home on December 8.



Chris would like to see more of the club's 49 members be more active, to have the club grow by at least one, to have the club distinguished once more, to attend national and international conventions. She wants feedback from all members.

To that effect, a club survey has been done with 22 of 49 respondents indicating in one area, at least, committees need improvement.

Milo Elementary News

Milo Elementary Students are participating in the annual drive to supply the local food cupboard. Each classroom has chosen some particular thing to bring in to send to the food cupboard. This giving project is the second holiday giving project in which the school was involved this year. Earlier students brought in boxes and gift supplies for boxes for Operation Christmas Child. These boxes are sent to underprivileged children. Students at the school had support from the ladies of the Episcopal Church and the ladies of the Milo United Methodist Church in sending 60 boxes of gifts.

Right now, the school is looking at doing nice things for others. Students who are noticed doing good, thoughtful things for others will have a star placed in the hall. We are hoping that our stars will reach around the school. The second grade is working hard to enlarge the heart of the Grinch. We know that his heart was at least two sizes too small.

Second graders who do good deeds get to add to the heart of the Grinch. We hope that his heart grows and grows and grows.

TERRIFIC KIDS

Mrs. Barden’s First Grade
Our terrific kid is a sweet little girl. She is a great reader and writer. She just wrote her own book about a little pony and shared it with the class. I bet she will be an author when she grows up. Congratulations, Tabby Lemon.

Mr. Borden’s Fifth Grade
This week's Terrific Kid is a helpful and involved student in our classroom who brings a can-do attitude to school with her each day. She's an active listener who is always ready to answer questions. She also did a super job on her assessments. This student has been very involved in the fundraising for our Boston trip. She's a Girl Scout and 5th grade band member. Congratulations Alexis Larson.
Mrs. Carey’s Kindergarten
Our Terrific Kid this week is a dear little girl. She loves to join in all our activities but really loves playing school. We've noticed that she makes a great teacher when she's playing school. We all call her Miss Champeon. She is Sweet - with an upper case S - and we are so happy to have Brianna Champeon in our kindergarten family.
Mrs. Clukey’s Sixth Grade
EVERY FRIDAY WE DO THE SAME THING
PICK A TERRIFIC KID SO WE CAN SING.

MOST STUDENTS KNOW WHAT TO DO TO BE CHOSEN
ONLY GOOD THINGS FOR TEACHERS TO BE SHOWIN.

MY TERRIFIC KID KNOWS ALL ABOUT THAT
FOLLOWING ALONG SO HE IS RIGHT WHERE WE'RE AT.

HE FINISHES HIS ASSIGNMENTS IN ALL HIS STUDIES
WORKING WELL WITH EVERYONE NOT JUST HIS BUDDIES.

Mrs. Mills’s Third Grade
Our terrific kid has worked hard on her handwriting and multiplication facts. She is making progress in reading and always volunteers to help with classroom jobs. It is really terrific to have Kim Bemis in our classroom.
Mrs. Tardiff’s and Hussey’s Second Grade
Noah Allen--Noah has been working hard to improve his reading and writing skills. His handwriting is getting much neater too. We think his new glasses will help also! He's a good friend and helper. Congratulations Noah!
Jeremy Brown--This boy brightens our days! He comes in each morning and does all of his jobs without being reminded. He has worked hard to follow the I-Care rules. We love his sense of humor! Days are better with Jeremy in our room.
Mrs. Walker’s Kindergarten
We are honoring a dear sweet K guy this week who tries very hard everyday, He is kind and respectful and likes to help out in the room. He is becoming more independent by learning to zip his coat by himself and is proud of this accomplishment. We are proud of him too. Tyler McQuarrie
Mrs. Whitney’s Fourth Grade
Mrs. Whitney's Terrific Kid for this week is a great girl! She is a GREAT friend! She is a GREAT reader! She is a GREAT worker! She is a GREAT fourth grader! That's 4 GREATS in one day and that makes her TERRIFIC!!!! NICE JOB REBECCA GLIDDEN.

HE DOES GREAT ON ASSESSMENTS WHETHER QUIZ OR TEST
NICE TO KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON HIM TO DO HIS BEST

LET'S HURRY TO THE PART OF TERRIFIC KID SONG
SO WE CAN GIVE IT UP FOR DEVON ARMSTRONG.

Mrs. Dunham's Third Grade

Our Terrific Kid is a boy who has worked very hard to get this award. He is doing a better job remembering his homework and planner. He gets his jobs done on time each day. He is kind to his classmates and he is always willing to help those who need it. congratulations to Tyler Cyr, who also has a birthday on Monday.

Mr. Grindle's Sixth Grade

My terrific kid has been chosen before and could be every week. She does all her work on time, done very neatly, and is kind and friendly to all. She is a good role model for others, she plays in the band and sings, as well as being a cheerleader for the middle school basketball teams. This is why my terrific kid is Camille Cramer.

Mrs. Hayes's First Grade

Here we go again...another Boy Scout! This Boy Scout is practicing good, responsible behavior. He is working hard at his reading, his math and his writing. He does great illustrations in his journal. He's respectful and a good friend. We are happy to present our new terrific kid...Ben Tarnoczy!

Mrs. Knowlton's Fifth Grade

Our terrific kid is a quiet boy who often 'flies under the radar!' This week he has been squarely in my sights, though! He is writing a terrific story and is practicing his revision skills with terrific results. His reading and Social Studies work has been excellent lately -- he is really using his great thinking skills! Great job this week, Austin Fogg!

Cook School News

Terrific Kids this week are David Marino, Lindsay Turner and Trevor Lyford. Miss Brown said that David is now staying for all day Kindergarten. He works hard on his Journal and sounding out words. David is excited to be reading books during silent reading. Mrs. Carter praised Lindsay for being a great kid every day. She is a great worker and participates in all class discussions. Lindsay is very observant and is using paragraphs in her writing. Miss K. is very proud of Trevor. He represented our school at the most recent board meeting. He read selections from our student writing in response to a prompt from Mrs. Wright about what kind of place our school should be. Trevor was an excellent reader. He is always a Terrific Kid. Trevor completes all of his assignments and is always striving to learn more.

Bus Students of the Week: David Marino, April Morgan and Josh Leighton

Caught Being Good Bags were awarded to Harmony, Codie, Jon, Dakota and Andrew

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Our PTO is holding a raffle. The prize is a cord of wood, cut and split. Tickets are 1 for $1 and 6 for $5. The drawing will be held on January 6 at our Terrific Kid Assembly. The money earned will be dedicated to our Playground Fund.

Our Holiday Program will be held on December 21 at 12:45. We hope to see you there.

From Brownville Elementary

Students in K-6 at Brownville Elementary are involved again this year with their "Community Cupboard" project.

BROWNVILLE HAS LOTS OF ... WITH

The staff and students are bringing in donations for the local food cupboard. Here, Evan Worster and Anthony Murano display the table where all the donations are located. If any citizens would like to contribute you may leave non-perishable items at the school.

From Matt in Mali

Dear everyone,

I've finally found the chance to write a letter to you all. Since arriving in Kayes on Tuesday, the stage house has not had electricity, which has been unfortunate. The things that I usually look forward to after the 2-hour bike ride – cold water, ceiling fans, and movies – have been out of order all week. But oh well, these are things that you learn to live without when you undertake this sort of experience. I'll be heading back to village this afternoon, which will actually be an upgrade because I have lights in my hut!

After being gone from my village for nearly two months, it was such a great feeling to come back and see everyone. I brought back many gifts for my family and friends…probably the most popular being tea and bug repellant. If anyone is interested in sending me anything, I would say that these two things would be the best.

I just received word that the second pirogue was finished earlier this week. When I got back to village a week ago, I got the chance to see the first one that was built – the woodworker did a very good job. The project that I'm working on now is to repair the basketball court at the school. We decided that paving the court would be too expensive and difficult for them to maintain, so we're just going to repair the backboards and one of the structures that had fallen down. The wood was bought on Tuesday and hopefully we can get some work done this weekend.

Let me once again thank those of you that donated to my projects while I was home. Between online donations and ones that were handed to me personally, we were able to raise just over $2000. I bought 35 Larousse French/English dictionaries before I left the states and carried them on the plane with me. Those have been donated to 4 English teachers in my commune and they are very grateful. After the basketball court is finished, I intend to have a meeting with representatives of the different schools in the commune to decide

Brownville Elementary School held their regular Terrific Kid Assembly onNovember 17th. Those honored included: Hope Hartsgrove in Kindergarten, Damion Pearl in First Grade, Rachel Whitten in Third Grade, John Badger in Third Grade, Michaela Weston in Fourth Grade, Hayley Durant in Fifth Grade and Dylan Lougee in Sixth Grade

The Key Club News

By Josh Clement

At our 12.8 meeting we welcomed Kiwanian Guests: Frank Cochrine, Val Robertson, Staphanie Salley, Dottie Brown, and Don Harris. (Sorry for any misspellings, If I misspelled your name please let me know).

This is another reminder that the Key Club will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive this Wednesday, December 14th from 2:00-7:00 PM. All who are eligible are encouraged to come and donate blood.

We are planning to have sell pizza slices at the Penquis Varsity home games. The profits from those sales go toward all the community service projects that we volunteer to help out at. If you are at a game and you are hungry, keep in mind that we will be selling pizza.

what textbooks they want and we'll spend the rest of the money to buy books. It has been great for me to be able to bring back materials for them to use, since before there was virtually nothing for the teachers or students in the schools.

I suppose that is all for now. I'm not sure if I'll be back in Kayes before the holidays, so let me just wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Take care and stay in touch.

Peace and Love,
Matt

The following is a letter that Matthew brought home with him in October from his homologue, who is basically his mentor in the village. He told Matthew what to write in Bambara and Matthew translated and wrote it in English. Matthew had come home for his brother Mike's wedding.

6 October, 2005

To the father of Abdoulaye Sissoko (Matthew's name in his village)-

I am writing to you to greet you and your family. I hope that the marriage is a great event for you and your familyl. May your future daughter-in-law have a long and prosperous life. May your son and his wife have many children. May your son, Abdoulaye, have a safe voyage to America and a safe return also. I hope that when Abdoulaye leaves Mali after two years he will leave without any problems. The entire village of Kakoulou greets you and your family. Your son is a child of the village and we hope that once he leaves that he will return again. I hope that he is happy here and will return. I would also like to have your photo when you son returns to Mali. Yours truly, Kalidou Sissoko

Editor's note: As you can see, Matt is as loved in his new village as he is in this village.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Pam and I have taken advantage of a slower time at the library to become better acquainted with the materials available in the downstairs reference room. We knew of the encyclopedias and eye level books that we have commonly referred to patrons, but these last few weeks I have really begun to look on the very lowest shelves and other small niches. We were very pleased to find a series of seven books of ethnic genealogy. We decided to move them upstairs with our other genealogy books to where they will be more available to our patrons. The titles are:

A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO BRITISH AMERICAN GENEALOGY
A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO GERMAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY
A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO IRISH AMERICAN GENEALOGY
A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO ITALIAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY
A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO NATIVE AMERICAN GENEALOGY
A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO POLISH AMERICAN GENEALOGY
A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO SCANDINAVIAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY

Chapters include the history of the immigration to America, beginning your genealogical search, how to do oral history and how to prepare your own charts, pedigrees and family trees. Perhaps one of these books would be a good place to start if you have been anxious to look into your roots but did not know how to begin.

Traditions of a Milo-ite

by Kathryn Witham

There isn't a sight that I love more than a car driving by with a tree sticking out of the trunk...or tied to the top of it. How Christmasy is that? The cutting of a fresh Christmas tree absolutely delights me. I am so on-the-fence this year. We have done both, of course. Fresh vs. artificial...it's such a decision. On the one hand I love the fresh, but it makes such a mess and it has to be watered and tended to. Don't you just hate that "other hand?" I always run the risk of having an allergy attack...or causing someone else who visits to have one. I think I will make my artificial tree look beautiful, and I'll enjoy the fresh tree up at my daughter's house. I've already put up one tree....my dining room tree. Last year that was our only tree...but I think I'll do the big tree in the living room this year, too.

The dining room tree is a narrow sparse tree that I purchased last year at the Christmas Tree Shop in So. Portland. I love that store....and I love this tree. I have put a string of white lights, several strings of red beads, golden bows streaming down from a big bow on top of the tree, and every one of the ornaments are well over 50...perhaps even 60 years old. They are the ornaments that came off of my mother's and my grandmother's trees. Those ornaments hold such wonderful memories for me. I pray that even when I am gone, my children and grandchildren will treasure those beautiful old baubles.

Another set of books we found on the lowest shelves was a nature encyclopedia. There are six volumes included in the set. There are 3 volumes of American birds, one volume of birds of other lands, and a volume of mammals of America and a volume of mammals of other lands. These volumes have a paragraph on each bird or mammal mentioned with black and white illustrations. In each book there are several color plates also. These books were published in 1923 but continue to be of interest today.

Another set we found was The Women’s Day Encyclopedia of Cookery. This set contains 12 volumes explaining cooking and containing recipes from A to Z. If anyone were searching for something special, it might possibly be in here.

We have enjoyed exploring the many books downstairs, and thought that telling our readers and patrons about them would be interesting to them too.

Our new substitutes have already begun to work with us. Two weeks ago Margaret Pinette worked for several hours and became familiar with our system. Saturday Monica Demers came in to help us out. We hope our patrons are enjoying making their acquaintance and are finding them a helpful part of our staff.

PLEASE NOTE OUR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
The Library Will Be Closed
FRIDAY---December 23
SATURDAY---December 24
MONDAY---December 26
MONDAY---January 2

Library Winter Hours
Mon.-Weds.-Fri.---2:00-8:00
Saturday 2:00-4:00
Telephone 943-2612

Last year I just wasn't in the mood to do much decorating. Having lost my Dad so close to the holidays, I couldn't seem to dig myself out of the doldrums long enough to get into the spirit of the season. This year, I'm feeling more like my old self..."old" being the operative word...and I am kind of excited about putting up the decorations. Last year, I put the little dining room tree up and kept the ornaments to a minimum. My grandchildren were devastated! Where were their ornaments? Packed away in a box wasn't the answer they wanted to hear. So, this year I'll get them out again....delight my beautiful grandchildren.....and spend some evenings enjoying the tradition that is my Christmas tree.

The Christmas letter is done, the cards are bought, and now if I can just get to the post office for holiday stamps I'll be all set. I was thrilled when I found Christmas Cards with old Coke Santa's on them. I had already bought beautiful, rich looking cards at Sam's Club when I happened upon these....I only spent a split second making the decision to forego the rich looking ones for the Coke nostalgia cards. I'm a sucker for Coke collectibles.

We've been to two Christmas parties already, and have hosted a dinner party to celebrate the December birthdays of my two dear friends Cheryl Hamlin and Louise Rhoda. Cheryl celebrates early in December and Louise celebrates late in December. I had found them sweet holiday serving dishes at the Bon Ton Shop in Concord, NH last fall when we were out there and I hatched the plan for a birthday dinner party right there in the store. I made a baked ziti casserole for dinner along with a fruited tossed salad with a special dressing, yeast rolls and for dessert a red velvet birthday cake. We had a great time.

This weekend we are being joined by son Tom and his wife and we're going to Millinocket to our Morrison cousin Christmas party. We always do a Yankee Swap with great gifts, a grazing table filled with delicious treats, and a game. YIKES!! I'm in charge of the game this year. We have a traveling trophy that is given to the cleverest cousin....which, of course, is usually me. I finally figured out that they always want to give me the honor so I can dream up another fun game for next year. We've dreamed up more games than you can imagine using family trivia. This year I have found a video tape of one of our earliest parties....back in 1983. The game will be to see who has the best memory of that long ago evening. I can't possibly win this one....because I won't actually be playing. Believe me when I tell you, my family will figure out a way for me to win....even when I'm not playing.

I read somewhere recently that one should never turn down an invitation to a holiday party in favor of going shopping or staying home. Holiday revelry is good for you....it makes you laugh and be happy. If nobody invites you to a party....throw a party of your own, and invite coworkers, neighbors, friends or relatives. Sounded like a good plan to me. I'm always up for a party. I further read that you should put together some little gifts....either homemade food items or handmade craft items that you can pack in little gift bags and have on hand for friends or family who stop by at Christmas time. It doesn't have to be a big expense....just thoughtful. As a matter of fact.....Family Dollar Store has some 25 cent gift bags (about the size of a paper lunch bag) that would work fine for wrapping your little gifts.I know they have the bags, because I knocked about 100 off onto the floor the other day trying to see what the choices in design were....I think they were pretty glad to see me leave the store that day.

Here is that wonderful Baked Ziti recipe that I fixed the other night.

And a special thank you to all who took the time to sign a card and for supporting our troops! We know that as the care packages are received our service people will be reminded of home and of all the people who love and support them. While we are shopping for Christmas treats and trimming our trees there are eleven local men and women stationed in Iraq fighting for the freedoms we so often take for granted. I would like to take a moment to let the families of these brave soldiers know that we will continue to support them and pray for their safe return. May you all enjoy a safe and happy holiday season!

IN MEMORIAM

DEWEY R. PICHE
ATKINSON - Dewey R. Piche, 65, husband of Alice (Gaudet) Piche died unexpectedly Sunday, Dec. 4, 2005, in Lincoln while enjoying his passion of training beagles. He was born Feb. 5, 1940, in Central

The recipe calls for Johnsonville Sweet Italian Sausage (19.76 oz.), cooked according to package directions and cut in coin sized slices. However, I used Emeril's Gourmet Apple Turkey Sausage, cooked in our George Foreman grill and cut the same way. I believe any sweet sausage would work fine, and cook it your favorite way.

8 oz. penne or rigatoni dry pasta, cooked according to package directions
1 jar (26 oz.) pasta sauce...I used our favorite Ragu.
3/4 cup water
1 Tbsp. fresh basil, chopped (I used 1 tsp. dry basil)
1 Tbsp. fresh garlic, chopped
1/2 cup fresh shredded Parmesan cheese (You could use Kraft grated if that's all you can find)
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1 pkg. (10 oz. this is the smaller one in the freezer section) frozen garlic bread, thawed and sliced into 12 slices. (I sliced the loaf in two and then in quarters and then three slices from each qtr. to get even sized slices)
3 cups (12 oz.) shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup olive oil (you won't need this much...you can get away with 1/3 cup in a small bowl)
12 fresh whole basil leaves (I grow my own, but you can usually find these fresh herbs at Hannaford's or Shaws)
2 Roma (plum) tomatoes, sliced into 12 slices

In a large bowl, mix cooked sausage coins, cooked pasta, pasta sauce, water, chopped basil, chopped garlic, Parmesan cheese and pepper. Toss gently. Place this mixture into a greased 9"X13" baking pan. Place the twelve slices of garlic bread on top of the mixture in 4 rows of 3 and sprinkle the mozzarella cheese over all. (I really thought this was a lot of mozzarella and probably didn't use quite the whole bag. Dip each of the tomato slices in olive oil and place on each cheese covered bread slice. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for approximately 30 minutes or until heated through. I think I cooked it between 35 and 40 minutes. I had washed my 12 basil leaves and had them ready to slightly tuck under the edge of the tomato slices before serving. Let the dish stand ten minutes to help set before slicing and serving. (I didn't slice it...I used a huge spoon to serve) This serves 12 (But we didn't have more than 2 servings left over and there were 6 adults and 2 kids eating...just so you know).

SUPPORT A SOLDIER AND CARD DRIVE A SUCCESS

This year's Christmas card drive and support a soldier campaign were a huge success. The community really pulled through once again to help make Christmas a bit brighter for our local service men and women who will not be home to celebrate the season with their families. Donations that were collected through MSAD 41 and area businesses were enough to send out a total of 54 care packages! This year's focus was on those stationed overseas. Each soldier will receive four packages filled with hygiene items, snack food, books and more. SOAR would like to thank the American Legion Post 41 and the Ladies Auxiliary for all of their ongoing support and encouragement. We would also like to thank all of our area businesses who let us put in collection bins to help collect cards. The teachers and staff of MSAD 41 for helping and encouraging the children to make beautiful cards and letters as well as helping us to collect donations.

Falls, R. I., son of Albert and Ella (Chamberlain) Piche. Dewey was a well-known car buyer for several dealerships, most recently retiring from O'Connor GMC in Augusta. He was a member of the Eastern Maine Beagles Club. Dewey and his son, Dale, trained beagles for hunting and field trials traveling all over New England and Quebec. He enjoyed going to his granddaughters sporting events. He was predeceased by a son, Derrick; and a brother, Albert Jr. In addition to his wife of 43 years, Alice; he is survived by his son, Dale and wife, Nicole Piche, of Lincoln; two brothers-in-law, Albert and wife, Mary Gaudet, of Pensacola, Fla.; Dr. Dwight Gaudet of Mendocino, Calif.; several nieces and nephews and a very special granddaughter, Brittany, who also traveled to many of the field trials. She will always remember her "Papa" as being her Number 1 fan.. Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery, Atkinson. For those who would like to remember Dewey in a very special way, you are encouraged to make donations in his memory to Operation Liftoff, P. O. Box 201, Bangor, ME 04401.

ROSE P. WHITESIDE

PALM HARBOR, Fla. - Rose P. White, 73, of Palm Harbor, Fla. died at home Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2005. Rose spent her whole life doing what she loved, helping others. She touched the lives of many people all over the world. In her scrapbook, you see her brightest smiles when she was helping at an inner city school in D.C. or with disabled adults in Alabama. In recent years, she helped to "get in the way" of violence in Colombia and in Baghdad with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). Even after discovering she had cancer, she continued working against violence with CPT on the Mexican-U.S. border. In a world of body armor and guns, she went about the work of peace armed with only the cross around her neck. A greater example of bravery and conviction can not be found. Rose was born in Bradford, ME and came to Tampa, Fla. in 1995, after living in several other locations, including Massachusetts, Ohio, District of Colombia and Maine. She graduated from University of D.C. and University of New England. She loved children; she dedicated her life to adopted and foster children. After 18 years as a full-time mother and homemaker, she worked for 23 years as a Registered Nurse in Maine and in Florida. She served in the U.S Peace Corps in Jamaica, from 1991 to 1994. She is a member of Hyde Park United Methodist Church in Tampa and of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). Survivors include her husband, Haven Whiteside; sons, Matthew Whiteside of Maine and Jonathan Whiteside of Ontario, Canada; and daughters, Joanna Pompa of Ohio and Kathy Perry of Florida; and foster daughter, Susan Sleeper of Maine; seven grandchildren, sisters, Elsie Catell, Marjorie Niles, Lois Knapp and Lorraine Higgins, all of Maine and Marilyn Bommer of Massachusetts; and brothers, Paul Pray and Adrian Pray, both of Maine. The funeral was held 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 28, at Hyde Park United Methodist Church, 500 West Platt St., Tampa, Fla., with family visitation beforehand and light refreshments afterwards. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Christian Peacemaker Teams, P.O. Box 6508, Chicago, IL 60680 or the Centre for Women, Tampa, Fla

WENDELL H. STICKNEY

LIGONIER, Pa. - Wendell H. Stickney, 85, formerly of Brownville, died Thursday afternoon Dec. 8, 205, in UPMC Presbyterian-University Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. He was born Saturday, Nov. 27, 1920, in Brownville, a son of the late Clint and Helen Williams Stickney. Prior to his retirement he had been employed as a mechanical engineer for several corporations and as a wood shop instructor at several schools. He was a noted inventor and presently has six existing patents. He attended the Covenant Presbyterian Church. He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Elizabeth M. Johnson Stickney; a daughter, Mrs. Jamie (April) Cintron of Ligonier; a son, Bristol L. Stickney of Tesuque, N.M.; four grandchildren, two brothers, Donald Stickney of Brownville and Ted Stickney of Berwick. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by a son, Kimball Stickney and four and a half-brothers and sisters. A celebration of his life was held 11 a.m. Dec. 17, at the Covenant Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Robert D. Cummings officiating. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the University of Maine, Mechanical Engineering Dept., Orono, ME 04473. Mr. Stickney's arrangements have been entrusted to the J. Paul McCracken Funeral Chapel, Inc., Ligonier, Pa.

VIRGINIA THOMPSON

TREWORGY PLYMOUTH, Mass. - Virginia Thompson Treworgy, Philanthropist and Environmental Attorney native of Hoboken, N.J. and wife of Eric Treworgy from Milo, passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 25, 2005. Virginia was the daughter-in-law of Edwin and Ethelyn Treworgy of Milo and summered in Maine, in Milo and in Surry, where she and her husband planned to build on the family property. For the past 25 years Virginia Treworgy has devoted her time professionally and personally working on issues that are central to her core values - protection of the environment and bettering conditions for undeserved groups in our society. A native of New Jersey, Ms. Treworgy received her training in environmental science and geology at Yale University in 1978 and upon graduation worked for the U.S. Army Galveston Texas District. In 1983, she moved into the private sector to serve as lead environmental program manager for the Nuclear Waste Repository Test Facility and the Strategic Petroleum Reserve project. In 1985, she continued her education at Harvard University, attaining a master's degree in government and public policy and later her Juris Doctor from New England School of Law. While pursuing her advanced degrees Ms. Treworgy managed key aspects of two of the largest public works projects undertaken in the past 20 years- the environmental reviews and permitting of the "Big Dig" in Boston and the Boston Harbor Navigation Improvement Project. Her belief in building cooperative partnerships with stakeholders became a model for using public advisory groups to cooperatively facilitate complex and controversial permitting. She was particularly proud that her model enabled the Boston Harbor project to proceed without objection or legal challenge, while respecting environmental policy. She trained government agencies and pri-vate groups in environmental management issues and was an expert in the National Envi-ronmental Policy Act. More. re-cently, Ms. Treworgy maintained a private legal practice specializing in marine envi-ronmental issues and provid-ing pro-bono services to local-non-profits. Ms. Treworgy chaired the Treworgy Charita-ble Fund, which has provided major support to Massachossetts General Hospital, Lee Iaocca's diabetes research ini-tiative, WBUR, and over 25 other local, national and international f.unds. She has been an active supporter of the International Fund for Animal Welfare and provided resources and expertise for the North At-lantic Right Whale Project. She has also been an active sup-porter of the Manomet Bird Observatory, supporting habitat preservation in North and South America. Ms. Treworgy recently co-chaired with Lee Ia-cocca a record-breaking bene-fit dinner at the United Nations for STRIVE, a New York based non-profit that provides job and life skills training for the chronically unemployed. In 2004, Virginia's commitment to the charitable sector passed the one million dollar mark and had be-come a full-time occupation for her in providing intellectual capital and ideas to these important initiatives. Virginia has lived in the Boston area for the past 20 years and in Plymouth since 1987.

She is survived by her de-voted husband, Eric; her sister, Ann Thompson; her sister and husband, Janet and Robert Keymetian; her brother and wife, Henry and Mary Thompson; her in-laws, Robert and Cheryl Treworgy of Lebanon, N.H., Jeanne and Brian Hamlin of Brownville; and her devoted friend, Derek Bartlett. In addi-tion, she is survived by nine nieces and nephews, one grandnephew and three grandnieces. She is also sur-vived by two very special young men who always kept her young at heart and smil-ing, Matthew Brouillette and Jared Hallisey.

Visiting hours were held at her home in Plymouth, Mass. and at Failla Memorial Home in Hoboken, N.J. Funeral serv-ices were held on Dec. 5, at St. Anne's Church in Hoboken, N.J. and interment was at the Holy Cross Cemetery Mauso-leum in North Arlington, N.J. If you are interested in memori-alizing Virginia and honoring her causes, please visit the following websites www.IFAW.com, www.manomet.org. and www.strivenewyork.org.

DAVID SAWYER THOMPSON JR.

CORINTH - David Sawyer Thompson Jr., 50, the husband of Jean "Chickie" (Silva) Thompson, died Dec. 8, 2005, at his residence after a long illness. He was born Jan. 17, 1955, in St. Steven, N.B., Canada, the son of David and Ruth (Campbell) Thompson Sr. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps and later became an employee of D.A. MacIsaac's of Boston for 22 years, retiring as Vice President. He coached sports for the Boys and Girls Club in Boston and loved to watch all sports on TV. He was naturalized this past year, a fact he was very proud of. He was the owner of the Small Town Video's in Milo and Corinth and this past spring, purchased the Pizza Shop in Corinth. One of his last requests was "Do not close the business for my funeral service." Surviving in addition to his wife of 33 years and his mother, both of Corinth; are his sons, David Sawyer Thompson III and his fiancÃ©, Nicole and her son, Kainan, all of Bangor, James Robert Thompson and his wife, Jimel, of Corinth and Daniel Steven Thompson and his wife, Jessica, of Kenduskeag; a daughter, Amanda Lee Thompson of Corinth; three grandchildren, Breanna, J.R. and Grace; a brother, Arthur Thompson and his wife, Joanne, of Dedham, Mass.; two sisters, Sylvia Hackett and her husband, Mark, of Billerica, Mass. and Nancy Bither and her husband, Butch, of Corinth; special family members, Shawn Tyrrell and his wife, Jessica and their children, Emily, Caitlin and Joey.

HELEN M. PACKARD

MILLINOCKET - Helen M. Packard, 73, died at a local hospital Friday, Dec. 2, 2005. She was born in Milo, the daughter of Henry and Nadine (Curtis) Tibbetts. Helen was married to George E. Packard on Aug. 24, 1963, in Garland by Justice of the Peace, Jennie Higgins. Helen was a dedicated homemaker and was an excellent cook. She enjoyed her family, her home, her love for all animals and especially her soap operas. Helen will be dearly missed. She is survived by her husband, George of Millinocket; her daughter and son-in-law, Isla and David Hamlin of Gardiner; two grandchildren, Tina Lamoreau and John Lamoreau Jr.; two great-grandchildren, Sami and Jake Lamoreau; a brother, Willis and wife, Rita Tibbetts, of Guilford; and two nieces. She was predeceased by two sons, Jackie and Kenneth Taylor. Graveside services will be held at Millinocket Cemetery in the spring. If friends wish, contributions in memory of Helen may be made to the Katahdin Area Support Group, 10 Field St., Millinocket, ME 04462. Arrangements are in the care of R. L. Bouchard Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Millinocket. To leave condolences online, please go to www.bouchardfh.com.

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.

DECEMBER 7, 2005 HIGHLIGHTS

President Chris Beres greeted nineteen members and four guests, in addition to four Key Club members this day. She introduced the Orono/Old Town interclub. Roger, Paul, Wayne and Roger. President Beres also introduced our Key Club members, Katie LaMunyon, Jessica Kahl, Kristin Burch and Erika Lyford.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Murrel Harris. Paul Grindle prayed for our holiday season to be extra joyous and especially to those who serve our community.

Correspondence: Orono/Old Town Newsletter was passed for all to read. A letter from Kiwanis International was read requesting assistance of donations for the Gulf Coast hurricane victims. President Beres advised all in attendance that the Three Rivers Kiwanis had made a donation several months ago.

A thank you note was read from Ruth Eleanor Cyr and Eddie Cyr thanking the Three Rivers Kiwanis and the Key Club for the Veteran's Day Dinner and Program.

Birthdays this week are Matt Grindle and Michael O'Connor on Dec. 7th, Joe Beres on Dec. 8th, Neil Hamlin on Dec. 10th and Heidi Finson on Dec 11th. Happy Birthday to you.

Several happy dollars were donated for the lovely lighting of the gazebo in Veteran's Park and for the Key Club placing a Christmas tree with lights in the gazebo on Sunday, Dec. 4th. A happy dollar for those who turned out for the gazebo lighting on Sunday and were lucky enough to be served hot chocolate and cookies. A sad remembrance dollar was donated for today, as it is the 64th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Roger Taylor donated a happy dollar as he now has a son who is 63! A happy birthday to a mom that turns 80 and to her son and brother-in-law, also. A confused dollar was donated because one wondered how we got thirty-nine days in Dec. A happy dollar was given by a club member who noted that donated items had brought such joy to a near-by resident. A sad dollar was donated by Frank as he is going to miss all of us as he vacations in California for the next six weeks.

Reports:

- Interclub: Chris Almy reported that he is expecting to plan an interclub for Dec. 20th. An interclub was held at PVHS on Dec 2 with Paul, Chris, Frank, Don and Dottie in attendance.
- Key Club: Paul Grindle, advisor reported on Key Club activities, including the cutting and lighting of the Christmas tree in the gazebo, gathering of coats for Secret Santa, start-up of the basketball season where the Key Club raises the majority of their funds through the sales of pizza and hot dogs at all the home games. They are also planning on assisting the Red Cross on their blood drive on Dec. 14th. The Three Rivers Kiwanis are very proud of the good work done by our local Key Club.
- Secret Santa. Murrel and Janet reported on the activities of the Secret Santa fund. To date one-hundred and twenty-eight names have been received for the Secret Santa fund. There is still time to donate to this very worthy fund to brighten a child's Christmas. Several people will be assisting Janet and Murrel as they shop.
- Today was a regular business meeting. Chris Beres reported on the meeting of the Board last week.
- Discussion was held on the purchase of a sound system. The project is still in research and no action was taken at this time.

There is a possibility of the need to change the date of the board meeting from the first Thursday of each month to the second Thursday of each month. Since it is in the charter a revision will need to take place. Additional information to follow.

- Chris Beres reported on the survey of our club by the president. Good information obtained and hopes to use the data obtained for the betterment of the club.
- Chris reported that two committees met last Monday night. The Youth Services committee met at the Town Hall. A budget was established and a plan to continue the work of the Youth Services Committee for the coming year. Murrel Harris is chair of that Committee. Frank Cochrane is chair of the Sponsored Youth Committee. Several of the Key Club activities are already in progress.
- Joe Zamboni will again serve on the auction committee this year. He will be the pick up person for auction items. He will ask for help from those on the committee and it appears that Saturday or Sunday would be the best time to accomplish the pick-ups due to the necessity of the heavy lifting that is sometimes needed.

Speaker for Dec. 14th: Nels Kramer.
Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.

9th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

FRIEDA & EVERETT COOK ARE EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO ALL TO JOIN THEM FOR AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS DINNER ON DECEMBER 25TH AT THE MILO TOWN HALL DINING ROOM FROM 12 TO 2 PM.

HOLIDAY BABY

A son, Hunter Daniel Monahan, to Lisa and Daniel Monahan of Sebec on December 05, 2005. Wt. 8 pounds 13 ounces.

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER

DECEMBER 1973

12-Cloudy am Fair pm – 13-Sunny & cold – 14-Rain all day – 15-Cloudy am – 16-Cloudy snow in evening – 17-Freezing rain then rain – 18-Sunny windy cold.

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BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

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The Three Rivers Community Alliance is a not-for-profit organization run entirely by volunteers from the communities it represents. TRC is not part of Kiwanis, but is its own organization. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Seth Barden at info@trcmaine.org, or 943-2425.

TRC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TRC ALLIANCE CORNER

BY SETH BARDEN

We have just added a new section to our site! Four Seasons Recreation! This new section will contain information relevant to recreation in each season.

Right now, we need your help in updating the Winter Recreation page! If anyone out there is associated with one of the many local Snowmobile Clubs, please contact us! We are looking for updated contact and meeting information, and if you have maps, we’d love to post them online.

Also as part of the Recreation Section, we have added a School Sports page. We currently have the upcoming schedule for Penquis Basketball there, and we would like to keep up-to-date with scores. If anyone is a regular at the basketball games and would like to email us scores after the games, please let us know!