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SANTA'S HELPERS



Pictured are Janet Richards and Murrel Harris, who make the Secret Santa program what it is.

Three Rivers Kiwanis of Milo/Brownville would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all that made this year's Secret Santa program a huge success. Because of everyone's efforts 147 children from 59 families will have a brighter Christmas.

Kiwanis does not do this all on its own, quite a few families were adopted by individuals, businesses, and organizations, which certainly helps, especially with an already strained economy. Donations of toys and coats came from the Salvation Army, the United Baptist Church did care packages, Ron Bolduc donated four boxes of his beautiful homemade wooden toys, Marilyn Smart, Lyn Ricker, Diana Burton & Friends, and Nat Harris & Friends either knit themselves or collected hats and mittens, the Daisy Scouts of Dover put together 8 bags of goodies, Maxine Cole, Pat Stanchfield, Judy Macdougall, and Joyce Wessell all contributed assorted toys and items also.

We, (Murrel Harris and Janet Richards) can't say thank you enough to all who contribute to this worthwhile project and we would be remiss if we didn't recognize the great job Curves of Dover-Foxcroft did adopting children to furnish gifts for, and last but not least all the many cash donations that come in and can still be made at Maine Saving now through Christmas.

As you can see it takes many to do this very huge project and I couldn't have done it without Murrel's help, and two special shoppers, my sister Karen Clark and Kiwanian Nancy Grant.

Thanks so much to all..

.Mr and Mrs Claus, Murrel Harris and Janet Richards.

Three Rivers Ambulance Service Needs Volunteers

The Three Rivers Ambulance Service is looking for volunteers to join their ambulance corp. This is a on-call paid service and will also pay for education/training.

Presently we have crew members educated as Emergency Vehicle operators, Basic EMTs, EMT Intermediates and have recently had two members successfully complete the Paramedic Course. There is also a full crew quarters for the comfort of those members that live out the responding area. Anyone interested can call 943-2950 or 943-2768 or write to the address below for an application.

Three Rivers Ambulance Service
"Caring for the Community Since 1970"
PO Box 432
Milo, ME 04463

Park Street United Methodist Church Christmas Schedule

Park Street United Methodist Church and Brownville Jct. United Methodist Church announce the following services for Dec. 24th and 25th.

Saturday, Dec. 24th....7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at Brownville Jct. UMC

Dec. 24th...11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service at Park St. UMC

Sunday, Dec. 25th....Christmas Day
10:00 a.m. Worship Service at Brownville Jct. UMC for both churches. Combined choirs will sing.

There will be no service at Park St. UMC

Please come join us as we welcome Jesus Christ, our Savior. Merry Christmas to all.

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!!



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, and only an hour or two a week is an option.

CALL Julie Gallagher at 943-5083

FOR MORE INFO!!

The American Legion Auxiliary Post #92 in Brownville will hold a public breakfast from 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. the first and third Saturday of each month beginning January 7, 2006. The menu will vary and the price will be reasonable. Hope you will join us at these times.

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BINGO...BINGO... BINGO!!!

THE MILO AMERICAN LEGION POST 41 HAS
BINGO EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT A MEAL IS
SERVED FROM 5:00PM UNTIL 6:15 PM



BINGO STARTS AT 6:15 AND ENDS AT 9:30.

SEE YOU THERE!

The Sports Corner

BY BILL SAWTELL

Penquis Boys Drop First

East Millinocket, December 13--The host Schenck Wolverines threw in five three pointers in the opening quarter to help take a 27-9 lead at the end of one, bringing Penquis out of its 2-3 defense, and never looked back to post a 75-47 win here. The man-to-man defense didn't appear to stop the Schenck club, as the margin gradually increased from 18 to 28 points by the end of the game.

Kerry Thompson paced Schenck with 20; while Mile Lowell had 12, Jordan Pelkey 12, and Chris Byron 11.

Playing with a contused foot, Nate Allen led the Patriots with 13, and Alex Zwicker posted 11.

Despite the score, the Penquis boys played some good inside defense, shutting down Nick Bishop and holding Chris Byron to 11. Both boys score most of the time around the hoop. Byron got some of his points on the line.

Quarter Scores:

Patriots	9	21	33	45
Schenck	27	36	53	75

Officials: Ames and Paul

Middle School Basketball

Railroaders Roll to Fourth Straight

PVMS Boys 59, Central MS 20

Milo, December 14--Chris Cowing's PVMS boys team won its fourth straight game of the young season here in convincing fashion by nearly tripling the score of their opponents from the East Corinth area. The Railroaders played good defense and double teamed well, scoring many transition hoops for easy twos.

Kiel Larson had 11 and Jerell Arafein 10 to pace PVMS.

Quarter Scores:

Central	4	10	15	20
PVMS	14	30	43	59

Officials: Andrews and Wing

PVMS Girls Bow to Central

Milo, December 14--The visiting girls from Central broke open a close game in the second half to take the win here going away 37-22, using their superior height, double teaming on the ball and good defense to advantage. The visitors displayed a better touch near the hoop.

It was the Shelbys that led the Lady Railroaders: Shelby Fowles had eight and Shelby Weston six. Sam Blanchard with 13.

Quarter Scores:

Central	6	14	27	37
PVMS	8	12	18	22

Officials: Andrews and Wing

Penquis Boys Romp Over Orono

Patriots 66, Orono 44

Milo, December 15--Alex Zwicker had a hot hand, hitting for 22 points on four three pointers to lead all scorers, and he was ably seconded by Nate Allen who had 15, as the Patriots won their second game in three outings.

Tony Hamlin's boys combined man-to-man and 2-3 defenses in this foul filled game (over 50 whistles for fouls).

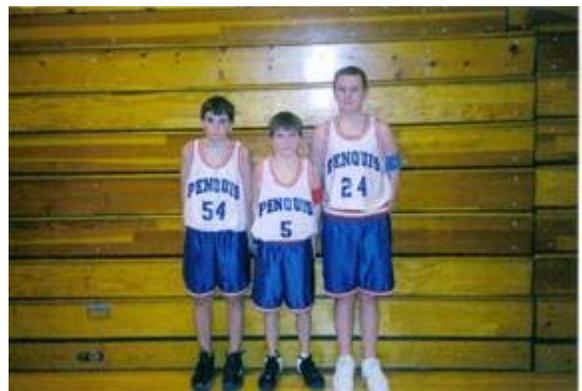
Penquis got a good game on both ends from Russ Berry.

Mardy Simon led Orono with 12.

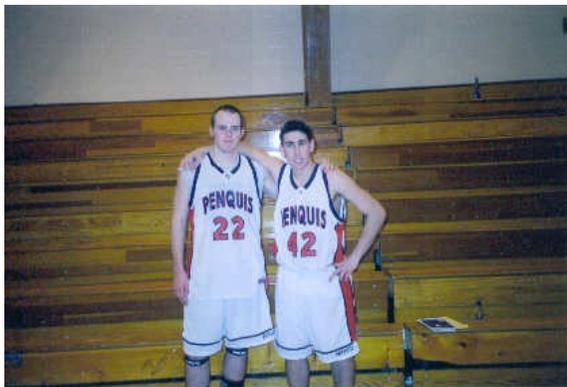
Quarter Scores:

Orono	9	25	35	44
Patriots	24	39	53	66

Officials: Doe and Farris



Seen here are Spencer Leavitt, Lucas Grinnell, and Philip Larrabee of the PVMS Raiders. All three showed much hustle here in the boys' win here over Central MS on December 14.



Seen here are Patriot boys Russ Berry and Alex Zwicker, who had good games in their team's win over Orono. Alex had four three pointers and 22 points to lead all scorers.



Player Profile: Alex Zwicker

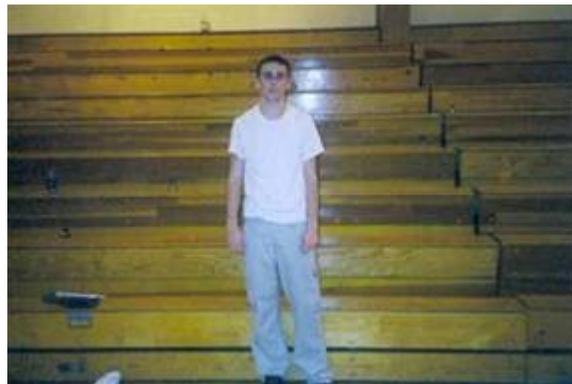
Part of a quadcaptain system on the Patriot team, Alex wants to attend UMO or USM after high school. He played hockey until the sixth grade. Alex credits his dad and his Coach Hamlin for his development as a basketball player. He is chief editor of the school newspaper, Penquis Perspectives, and a member since last year of the National Honor Society.

Coach Hamlin praises Alex for his honesty, sincerity, hard work and closeness to his younger brother Brian.

Fans enjoy his majestic treys and hustle on the hardwood.



Seen here are Lady Raiders Sadie Zambrano and Shelby Fowles, who both had good games in their team's loss at home to Central MS on December 14.



High Scorer. Seen here is Nate Allen whose 22 points led Penquis to a win over PVHS of Howland in the team's opener.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS



Brownville Elementary School held it's weekly Terrific Kid Assembly on December 15th with Dottie Brown of the Kiwanis Club being our Kiwanian Friend. The assembly, led by Mrs. Witham was well attended by many parents and friends of the Terrific Kids. Pictured is Josh Stanhope, Sixth Grader; Coltin Durant, Fifth Grader; Amber Willinski, Third Grader; Adam Stetson, Kindergarten; and Ryan McIntosh from First Grade. Absent, but honored as well was Dominic Bailey from



Fourth Grade.

Recent Terrific Kids at Brownville Elementary School include, Mikki Lovejoy, Tiana Herbest, Chelsea Cobb, Devon Gerrish, Riley Richard, Josh Blanchard and Chris Morton. Brownville Staff and Students are honored each Thursday



morning at an assembly which highlights the week's Terrific Kids, those celebrating their birthdays, students with exceptional bus behavior, artists of the week, and children who are "Caught Being Good." Brownville Elementary also features their 6th Grade band at each assembly. The band does a wonderful job playing the school song.

Terrific Kid Assembly at the Marion C. Cook School began with Terrific Kid awards. For grades 4 & 5, the Terrific Kid this week is Laura Gray. Miss K. said that Laura is terrific every day. She does her homework and all assignments and will redo assignments so that it is her best work. Laura is a good friend and role model. For grades 2 & 3, the Terrific Kid is Kyle Morris. Mrs. Carter is very happy that Kyle has moved to LaGrange. His wonderful smile makes us all smile. He tries hard every day, even when it is hard for him. He willingly brings extra work home and corrects papers when they need to be. Kyle is very thoughtful about bringing in things for our class, especially right now with props for our upcoming play. For grades K & 1, the Terrific Kid is Katelyn Lyford. Miss Brown told us that Katie is doing well with beginning her work on time and following directions. She is learning how to handle her disappointments appropriately, and she is a great helper to teachers and other students.

We sang birthday wishes to Andrew, Ryan, and Haley B.

Our bus students this week are: Rebecca, Justin, and Isaiah. Caught being good bags were given to: Justin, Ethan, Billy, Codie, and Haley M. Our Christmas Program is next Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 12:45. Jenn Stone announced that volunteers are needed to sell raffle tickets at the PVMS games, and possibly at other games and other locations in Milo. Please contact Jenn if you are able to help with this.

LADY PATRIOTS HIGHLIGHTS

1st Qtr. Schenck 8 Penquis 4
 2nd Qtr. Schenck 17 Penquis 8
 3rd Qtr. Schenck 20 Penquis 17
 4th Qtr. Schenck 34 Penquis 27

Freshman, Erica Lyford led the Lady Patriots with 9 points at the season opener on Tuesday, Dec. 12th against the Schenck Wolverines. The Patriots battled for every shot against the scrappy Schenck team and struggled to get any offensive rebounds against them. At the half, Schenck was

ahead 17-8....but the Patriots finally started to get the ball to drop and held Schenck scoreless in the entire 3rd quarter, making it a 20-17 game going into the 4th. Things weren't looking so bleak after all. With 6:57 left to go in the 4th Mindy Dolley cuts the lead down to 1. Then, with about 4:50 left to go, Nycole Carey steals the ball just by the half court mark and passes off to Erica who goes in for the weak side layup to give Penquis its first lead of the night. Unfortunately, the lead only lasted that one time up the floor. Schenck drives right to the basket for 2 putting them back in the driver's seat. Then, Penquis struggled to get the ball inbounds; Schenck steals it under their own basket and makes another 2, to make it 24-21 Schenck. With 4 minutes to go, Christina Gerrish got the pass inside to Jenny Stetson, but Jenny's shot got blocked. Erica L. got fouled while going for the ball and got on the line and made the 1st one but missed the second. #40 for Schenck called for the ball down low and went up for the short jumper off the backboard and in. On an inbounds play, Penquis threw the ball away again, letting Schenck go up for another quick 2 by # 42. It looked like that would be all they would need for the win. The Lady Patriots played hard and after a few more games, they will find their rhythm and we will of course be there cheering for them. We'll be ready for the man to man pressure when we face them up there!

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

In this hurry, scurry season it's fun to take time to do festive things. Last Monday I attended a Tri-Counties Librarians' Christmas luncheon in Guilford. It was pleasant to enter the newly enlarged Guilford Library. The new addition adds so much space to their building. Linda Packard, head librarian, greeted me cheerfully and pointed me in the direction of the group. It was great to see old friends who no longer come to the meetings regularly. I had a long talk with Van Wentworth from Monson. We took SACCE library courses together years ago and have been friends ever since. Greenville librarians were there in force with four of their group from both the school and public libraries and one of their former retired librarians, Etta. We all were interested to hear how their very serious water problem is being solved. Karen assured us that the air in the basement has been pronounced clean, and the first floor of the library can be safely used. They now are in hopes of getting additional library space somehow. I visited with Nancy from Penquis Valley High School, Helen from the Thompson Free Library in Dover and the piquant Liz from Dexter. Of course, the food added to the festivities too. There was a delicious minestrone soup staying hot in a crock pot, various sandwiches, crackers and cheese, and vegetable and fruit platters. And there were desserts-cookies, bars, cream puffs and candy! One of the most unusual candies I tasted was a blue ball as big as a marble, and I was told it was a chocolate covered blueberry. I bit through the chocolate thinking I would then taste a blueberry, but it was not like that at all. I guess the blueberry flavor was mixed into the chocolate, and the candies were formed of the total mixture. A unique treat from Maine. I was told they were available from L.L.Bean. It was fun to share food, to be able to spend a little more time looking through the Guilford Library and to have a festive time with fellow librarians. We were all pleased that Linda Packard had had the idea for the luncheon and had agreed to host it.

We have had several donations of books this past week. From Edwin and Ethelyn Treworgy we received several large print books of very recent titles. We will add these to our collection. Thank you, Edwin and Ethelyn. We certainly appreciate this variety of new large print titles.

Bradford, Barbara Taylor EMMA'S SECRET
 Brown, Sandra CHILL FACTOR

Delinsky, Barbara LOOKING FOR PEYTON PLACE
 Grafton, Sue "R' IS FOR RICOCHET
 Grisham, John THE BROKER
 Sheldon, Sidney ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK?

We have also had two sets of history books that have been donated, and they are in our book sale area. They are a 21 volume set –PICTORIAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN HISTORY. This set would be on the upper elementary level. We also have for sale THE LIFE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES in 12 volumes. This might be suitable for upper elementary or middle school.

Melissa Hill will be conducting her Preschool Story Hour on Monday, December 19 from 3:30-4:30P.M. This has proven to be a great hour for preschool children, and we'd enjoy seeing you and your preschoolers (or younger school age children) in the library for this program.

Please note the library will be closed on

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

**The Staff at the Milo Free Public Library wish all of you a
 Merry Christmas
 And a Happy New Year
 SEASONS READINGS**

Traditions of a Milo-ite

by Kathryn Witham

I'm spending this wintery stormy night cozily nestled in my house....and not in my car, which is where I had planned to be spending this afternoon and evening. That is one of the unpredictable things about living in Maine....you can't predict what the weather is going to be like weeks in advance....and the best laid plans are usually mucked up by inclement weather....and that you can predict. So, I guess what I'm saying is....plan on staying home....'cause if Murphy can mess you up....he will.

I've been telling people lately about my 12-Step Christmas Recovery Program. The first step is to "take one day at a time." If you do this, you may end up having to stay up all night on Christmas Eve, but you haven't had to spend multiple sleepless nights. The next step would be to put up only your very favorite decorations. As a matter of fact....try to give or throw away what you don't absolutely love. It will mean that next year you'll only have 11 steps towards recovering....skipping right over the decorating dilemma.

My third step was to stock my pantry with chocolate chips, pecans, walnuts, brown sugar, canned milk and an extra bag of flour and bottle of cooking oil and vanilla. If, per chance, I have a chance to cook something....I'll have a few ingredients to do it with. If I don't get the chance, I can use all of those ingredients throughout the winter when I do have some time. Step four had to be to erase all food gifts off the Christmas list, with the exception of party mix....which I taught my husband to make. (Now if I could only teach him to make peanut butter fudge!!)

My fifth step was to announce to one and all that they are getting just one wrapped gift to open this year....and one gift certificate. Met with moans and groans, my family tried desperately to make me feel guilty about this one huge recovery step. I knew they would object, and found this to be the hardest step of all. As a matter of fact, I have found it to be darn near impossible. But, it couldn't be helped. Not only could we not afford to do a mess of gifts for each and every one, but I am finding it harder and harder to please my grandchildren as they age and mature and desire things that I know nothing about, like MP3's and iPod's. Not much thought goes into giving somebody money for Christmas. I've always scoffed at the idea....and the practice. Now I'm beginning to "get" that sometimes it's the ONLY appropriate gift. There is a span of time in your children's lives when money is appreciated more than any wrapped gift could ever be.

Steps seven, eight and nine have to do with giving to the needy, not letting the Christmas cards become too big a chore, and not turning down party invitations because you need to stay at home just to keep your sanity. Step nine is setting every radio to a station that plays Christmas music....and leaving it there....no matter how sick of those Christmas songs you get. This is an extreme measure, but it's going to make the day after Christmas a wonderful day, indeed....just think of the luxury of hearing a good old standard or country music tune emanating from your radio. That will be a wonderful reward, indeed.

Step ten is keeping as many traditions alive as you possibly can without falling into the trap of starting new ones. Eleven goes hand in hand with ten... if you find yourself getting sucked into a new tradition....force yourself to give up one old one. We're not going to miraculously be any younger next year. It can only get harder to keep up.

The final and most important step is twelve....and that is to not ever lose sight of why we do this to ourselves year after year. We Christians are celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The blessed son of God was miraculously put on earth, by our heavenly father, to save us all....and if you don't believe that....well then, you shouldn't need my 12 step program because you have nothing to celebrate.

I have a dear old friend...."friend" being the operative word....who wishes to remain anonymous, but has provided me with this wonderful recipe. I bought all of the ingredients when I got my groceries last night. If the power stays on tonight, I'm going to make this treat and take it with me to Portland tomorrow morning. This dear friend was by my side when my daughter was born....she, like me, is a lifelong Milo resident....two children....two grandchildren....any guesses? Don'cha just love intriguing little mysteries.

Pecan Pumpkin Dessert

2 cans pumpkin (15-22 oz.)
 3 eggs
 1 can evaporated milk (12 oz.)
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1 cup sugar
 1 pkg yellow cake mix
 1 cup butter (or margarine) melted
 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans

Line a 9X13 pan with waxed paper. Spray the paper with cooking spray...or rub with oil and set aside. In a mixing bowl combine pumpkin, milk and sugar. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Pour into the prepared pan. Sprinkle with dry cake mix and drizzle with the melted butter. Top with the chopped pecans and bake at 350 degrees for 60 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely in the pan sitting on a wire rack. Invert the cake onto a large serving platter. Frost with Cool Whip or with frosting.

You can use this for the frosting recipe: 1 8 oz. softened cream cheese, 1/2 cup confectionery sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla beat until smooth. Fold in a 12 oz. Cool Whip. Frost cake and refrigerate. Doesn't this sound yummy!!!

IN MEMORIAM

NADINE MARIE MCCLUSKEY ATKINSON and **EAST MILLINOCKET** - Nadine M. (Grant) McCluskey, 61, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at a Bangor hospital after a long illness. She was born March 7, 1944, in Columbia Falls to Maynard W. and Lena (Merritt) Grant. Nadine graduated from Portsmouth High School, Portsmouth, N.H., Class of 1962. She worked in all their family owned businesses, the last being Green Acres in Sebec. She enjoyed her vegetable and flower gardens, crocheting, knitting and decorating her home with excellent taste. Most of all she enjoyed being at camp every summer with her children. Nadine is survived by two children, Stephanie Curtis and her husband, Scott, of Dover-Foxcroft and Joseph "Joey" McCluskey and his wife, Mary Louise "Ise", of Enkirch, Germany; two granddaughters, Andrea Curtis of Bangor and Kacie Curtis of Dover-Foxcroft; a grandson, Joshua McCluskey of Enkirch, Germany. Nadine is also survived by one brother, Vergil Grant and his companion, Virginia Penniman, of Dorchester, N.H.; two sisters, Dee Austin and husband, Ron, of New Gloucester; her beloved sister, Helena "Winkie" Bartlett and

husband, Sonny, of East Millinocket; stepbrother, Dick Calligan and his wife, Linda, of Morrill; also a dearly loved niece, Cheryl Worcester and her husband, Tom, of Columbia Falls; two very special nephews, Tim Whynot and wife, Kristen, and their daughters, Kara and Gillian of Bangor, her nephew, Dan Worcester and his wife, Eilean, of Acton. She also leaves one aunt, Edna Atherton of Blue Hill and many cousins. She was predeceased by her parents, her husband, Pat; two sisters, Susie Emerson, Arlene Knight; and a niece, Susan Whynot. She leaves a very good friend, Cy Blodgett of Atkinson, his children, Missy, Billy, Ricky; and we can't forget her handsome kitty, Milo. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tri-Town Christian Academy, Medway, ME 04460 or to a charity of one's choice

MALCOLM W. MITCHELL CORINTH - Malcolm Winfield Mitchell, 84, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005, two days before his 85th birthday. Malcolm was born Dec. 13, 1920, in Corinth, the son of Winfield and Neota (Comins) Mitchell. Malcolm graduated from East Corinth Academy, Class of 1940. He was first employed as a sales representative for J.L. Paine Co. of Corinth. His sales route covered most of the Down East and towns north from Greenville to Millinocket plus the greater Bangor area. The company later merged and operated as Triangle Wholesale of Bangor and Malcolm worked many years for them until they were purchased by Carl H. Smith Foods Inc. where he eventually retired. Malcolm was an 11-year member of the planning board for the Town of Corinth where he lived all his life. He was also a lifetime member of the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department where he served several years as secretary to the Fireman's Benefit Association. Malcolm volunteered as a scout master for Corinth's Boy Scout Troop No. 53 in a time of need. He was an avid outdoorsman who traveled to Alaska, Newfoundland, Labrador and Quebec on hunting and fishing trips. He loved his garden, fruit trees and making apple cider at his home in Corinth. After retiring, Malcolm spent winters in Florida where he played golf and has a "Hole in One" recorded at a Mulberry, Florida golf course. During his life he was a faithful Red Sox fan who never gave up hope. Malcolm is survived by his wife of 56 years, Winifred (Burton) Mitchell; three children, Susan (Mitchell) Libby and her husband, Mark, of Bradford, Russell Mitchell and his wife, Sandra, of Ramona, Calif. and Terry Mitchell and his wife, Linda, of Garland; eight grandchildren, Elise Libby of North Waterford, Shiloh Mitchell, Shantel Mitchell, Joshua Mitchell, Jacob Mitchell and Cameron Mitchell, all of California, Malcolm "Alex" Mitchell and Marissa Mitchell of Garland; two great-grandchildren, Pierce Libby and Dylan Hutchins of North Waterford. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department, care of Scott Bragdon, 38 Black Rd., Corinth, ME 04427.

ROBERT S. OBERG BROWNVILLE and LEXINGTON, Ky. - Robert S. Oberg, 75, died Dec. 8, 2005, at the VA Hospital in Lexington, Ky. Robert was born in Brownville, Dec. 20, 1929. He graduated from Bangor High School in 1947, and from Husson College in 1956. He worked at the University of Maine as director of accounting from 1970 to 1980, and retired from the University of Kentucky in 1995. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Margaret Oberg; two sons, Kenneth Oberg of Waterford, and Brian Oberg and his wife, Krista Oberg, and their children, Matthew, Lauren, Taylor, and Madison, all of Louisville, Ky.; and a brother, John E Oberg of South Portland. Private services were held Dec. 12, 2005, at LeCompte/ Johnson/Taylor Funeral Home in Frankfort, Ky.

WILLIAM MULHERIN MILO and BANGOR - William Mulherin, 85, husband of the late Louise A. (Savage) Mulherin, passed away Dec. 14, 2005, at the Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor. He was born Feb. 24, 1920, in Brownville Jct., the son of William J. and Eva J. (Washburn) Mulherin. A 1938 graduate of Brownville Jct. High School, Bill served with the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the "Fighting First" Infantry Division (the Big Red One) and fought at the Battle of Kasserine Pass in North Africa. It was there he was wounded and eventually shipped back to the United States. After the war, he worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad and retired after 30 years of service. "Papa", as he

was affectionately known by his grandchildren and "Mul" or "Bill" as he was known to his friends and co-workers, was a big sports fan and especially loved professional football. Sunday was always a big day. His first love was the New York Giants, and eventually he came to like the New England Patriots. He is survived by his first wife, Helen E. (Leonard) Mulherin and their three sons and their families, Bill and Susan Mulherin of Milo, their daughters, Melissa and Michelle, both of Bangor, Michael and Glennysse Mulherin of Buxton, their son, Jamie and wife, Tracey, of Gorham and their daughter, Mollie and husband, Mike McKinley, of Buxton and Mark and Debbie Mulherin of Standish, their sons, Jason Mulherin of Albany, N.Y., Richard Reo of Hamilton, Ohio and their daughters, Jennifer Mulherin of Old Orchard Beach and Stephanie Reo of South Portland; four great-grandchildren, Ryan James Mulherin, Megan Ruth Mulherin, Olivia Rose Mileski and Riley Michael McKinley. He was predeceased by two brothers, Omah and Dennis Mulherin; two sisters, Fern Cunningham and Marvel Harshaw; and a nephew, Dennis Harshaw. The family would like to express its deepest, heartfelt appreciation to Bill's second family, the staff at the Maine Veterans' Home, for their loving care of Bill. In return, he kept them all entertained with his great sense of humor and his appreciation of music. **He will be greatly missed by the staff and his fellow residents. A graveside service, with military honors, will be held at the family lot in Pinetree Cemetery, Brownville Jct. in the spring. In lieu of flowers and at the request of the family, a special fund has been established with the cooperation of Graves Service Station and Brownville and Milo town managers to help area families with heating oil needs this winter. You are encouraged to remember Bill by making donations in his honor to Mul's Heating Oil Fund. Checks can be made payable to either the Town of Milo or Brownville and mailed to Maine Savings FCU, PO Box 447, Milo, ME 04463.** Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral H

ADDIE L. LADD DOVER-FOXCROFT - Addie L. Ladd, 84, loving wife of Robert N. Ladd, went to be with her Lord Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at a local nursing home. She was born June 27, 1921, in Milo, the daughter of Bertram and Cora (Weymouth) Hussey. She attended Milo schools. Addie's love for children led her to care for more than 100 children over the years, many of whom have come back as adults with children of their own, to visit her. Addie enjoyed camping on the coast of Maine with her friends and eating Maine lobster. She was a regular part of the MacDonald's breakfast group, a member of the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church and the 3-M Club and had a great love for the youth group of the church. Addie is survived by her husband, Robert of Dover-Foxcroft; three daughters, Patricia Gould and her husband, Ronald, of LaGrange, Joyce Davis and her husband, Armand, of Shirley and Rebecca Reynolds and her husband, Raymond, of Steep Falls; a sister, Erma Ross of Pittsfield; three brothers, Elwood Hussey and his wife, Edith, of Dover-Foxcroft, George Hussey of Milo and Robert Hussey and his wife, Helen, of Milo; six grandchildren, Rodney Breyer of Scarborough, Denise Douglass of Florida, James Herrick of Berwick, Heather Livingstone of Scotland, Emily Reynolds of Long Island, N.Y., and Elizabeth Reynolds of Steep Falls. Addie is also survived by three great-granddaughters and five great-grandsons. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 62, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426.

RAMONA E. ELWELL WINN - Ramona E. Elwell, 87, wife of Maurice Elwell, died Dec. 15, 2005, at a Lincoln hospital. She was born Jan. 10, 1918, in Gardiner, the daughter of George and Azelia (Phillips) Cottrell. Mona loved making things from wood. She enjoyed working in her vegetable garden and cooking for her family. She worked at the Dry Cleaners in Lincoln for years and spent her last working years as a people greeter at Wal-Mart. In addition to her husband, Maurice; she is survived by a son, David Elwell and daughter-in-law, Katherine, of Winn; a daughter, Lynn Riel and son-in-law, Gregory, of Loudon, N.H.; five grandchildren, Jan Riel of Loudon, N.H., Jennifer Burritt of Henniker, N.H., Sherry Bartlett of Deer Isle, Danny Mann of Milo, and William Mann of

Brooklin; three great-grandchildren, Edwin Mann of Deer Isle, Bobbie Jo Bartlett and Miranda Mann, both of North Carolina; several great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Howard Cottrell of Calais; two sisters, Lovina Cochran and Eunice Wheaton, both of Princeton. She also leaves a special friend to her at the last of her life, Brenda Hamm. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Bethel Chapel, Talmadge, with the Rev. Thomas Smith and the Rev. Edward Costain officiating. Spring interment will be in East Winn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 163 Lancaster St., Suite 160 B, Portland, ME 04101. Arrangements with Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Rd., Lincoln. For an online register book, please visit www.clayfuneralhome.com.

RUTH V. YOUNGBLOOD MILO - Ruth V. Youngblood, 92, wife of the late Raymond Youngblood, died Dec. 12, 2005, at her residence. She was born May 24, 1913, in Ellsworth, the eldest daughter of Harris and Lydia (Googins) Turner. She graduated from Milo High School in 1932 and from the Addison Gilbert Hospital School of Nursing in Gloucester, Mass., in 1936. Ruth married Raymond Youngblood in 1937 and did both private duty and general nursing for 40 years in the Milo area. She was a member of the United Baptist Church of Milo and the Golden Rule Class; she was a 50-year member and past master of the Pleasant River Grange, a member of the Guilford, Pomona and State Granges, a member of Orion Rebekah Lodge No. 16, where she served as past noble grand and also as past district deputy president and member of Aldworth Chapter No. 39 OES, a charter member of Milo Nurses Guild and the founder, charter president, and member of the Three Rivers Senior Citizens. She was predeceased by her husband, Raymond; four brothers, Lewis, William, John and Frank Turner; and three sisters, Mildred Cassidy, Beulah Reed and Florence Cooley. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Marks of Milo; two sons, Edward Youngblood of Bangor and Paul Youngblood and his wife Linda of Bristol, R.I.; six grandchildren, Rodney Marks and his wife, Patti, of Ariz., Alan Marks and his wife, Nancy, of Orono, Michael Youngblood of Holden, Leslie Farrington and her husband, Matt, of Brewer, Heather Godwin and her husband, Kevin, of Newport News, Va., Amy Youngblood of Middletown, R.I.; 11 great-grandchildren: Casey Marks, Mathew, Cassidy and Emma Youngblood, James, Madeline and Jeremy Marks, Jana and Macy Farrington, Sydney and Zachary Godwin. Burial will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery. **Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Milo Nurses Guild Scholarship Fund, 78 Elm St, Milo ME 04463.**

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS NEWS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE REGULAR MEETING

The Milo/Brownville 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 14, 2005 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Chris Beres greeted eighteen Kiwanis members, three Key Club members, and five members of the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis group. President Chris introduced Doc Sherman from the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis. Doc in turn introduced our Lt Gov., Joe Guyotte, immediate past-President Brenda Kelly,

Nick and Hoyt Fairbrother, all from the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis. Paul Grindle introduced our Key Club members at breakfast this morning: President of the Key Club, Kylie Palmer, Dawn Patten and Tyler Case.

Eben DeWitt led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Herb Dunham requested prayers for all of our military people, particularly on this day, as the Iraq people go to vote, and let us pray that it is a defining moment of the peace to come to that region.

The inspirational message was read by Don Harris.

Correspondence: The Orono/Old Town Kiwanis Newsletter and the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Newsletter was circulated to our members. A letter was read from The Joseph P. Chaisson Post 41 American Legion thanking the Kiwanis members for hosting the Veteran's Day Dinner and the POW/MIA ceremony. Signed by Randall Kluj, Post 41 Commander.

Birthday greetings this week go out to Sarah Gahagan on Dec 15th and to Murrel Harris on Dec 16th.

Happy and sad dollars were donated for all the hard work that Murrel and Janet do for the Secret Santa Program, for the letter read from the American Legion and for the very moving ceremony POW/MIA ceremony recently held in Dover. Many happy dollars were generously donated by members of the United Kingfield Bank in Milo to the Secret Santa fund. Happy dollars were given for several members who shopped for 140 children from the Secret Santa fund; a happy and sad dollar from parents whose triplets had a 32nd birthday party with ALL their spouses and kids in Tenn., and they missed it! (Smile), a happy dollar was given by a Kiwanis member who shopped for all those kids and found quite a few happy stories and assistance from other shoppers while shopping, and a sad dollar was donated by a worried parent concerning Federal aid cuts to the disadvantaged. Reports.

►Interclub: Chris Almy reported that an interclub was held at PVHS on Dec. 8th with the Key Club. Present were Paul, Frank, Don, Dottie, Val and Stephanie. Chris advises that there is an Inter-Club planned for Dec. 20th at Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis.

►Key Club: Paul Grindle reported on Key Club activities. It is hoped that the goal of 50 units of blood can be reached at the Dec. 14th American Red Cross blood drive (to be held today). All Kiwanis members were asked to go to donate blood if possible. The Key Club members will have a large contingent of members present to provide the necessary set-up and breakdown work in addition to assisting with the actual blood drive. Several Kiwanis members will be present to assist. We are so proud of our Key Club!

►Secret Santa: Murrel and Janet reported on the progress of the fund. Shopping for gifts is now complete and the gifts will soon be presented. Many hours of work goes into this project and very big thank you, especially to Murrel and Janet and those who donated and helped in any way. A special Merry Christmas to all of you!

The speaker today was Nels Kramer from the Maine Fish and Wildlife. He gave reports and updates on the local fishing in Schoodic and Ebeemee Lakes. Detailed information was provided on the growth and the numbers of fish released. Nels provided a very interesting program of local interest for our members today. Thank you, Nels.

The speaker for Dec 21st is Dave Mumford who will provide a Christmas message to our members. Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S

1970's Christmas Day Weather

Submitted by Nancy Grant

1970-Sunny-18° at 6 am.

1971-Sunny & windy-6° at 6 pm.

1972-Sunny am Cloudy pm-22° at noon.

1973-Sunny am Cloudy pm snow in evening-24 at 4 pm.

This year's Christmas Eve is an especially memorable one. My sisters Rita and Patricia, and I, with our families (the little ones in pajamas), met where the Derby Post Office used to be. As we waited for the right moment to surprise Mum and Dad who lived just up the street; the snow began coming down; beautiful, large, fluffy, soft flakes. It was a perfect holiday eve and they were surprised!

A tradition was born as we still gather at Mum and Dad's on Christmas Eve. Our holiday treats have progressed from eggnog and Christmas cookies to full course turkey dinners. The little ones grew up and another generation joined the festivities. Not everyone can be there every year now but the

phone calls over time from Texas or Alaska or Florida or England or Okinawa or California or North Carolina or Virginia, as well as Maine have brought and continue to bring our family together on Christmas Eve.

1974-Snowflurries-24° at noon.

1975-Cloudy cold snow in evening-26° at 9 am.

1976-Cloudy-24° at 11pm.

1977-Rain all day-40° at 8 am.

1978-Snow-28° at 10 pm.

1979-Rain all day-35° at 5:30 am.



Photo courtesy of Donald Martin, Brownville Jct.

Can you find the elementary school or Milo's Main Street? Donald has a program where he can make an aerial photo of any location in the United States. Interesting!