



Three Rivers News



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Our wish for you is a New Year of peace and contentment.

MILO RECREATION DEPT. OFFERS FITNESS IN 2006

Now is the time of year when people evaluate and decide if a change is needed. Does not only your lifestyle, but also your job, require you to be in tip-top shape, does a slimmer, healthier you sound good? Then please consider the following classes.

Group exercise will help motivate you, offer socialization to keep you in the company of others with the same goal, and keep you on track to attain that goal. Also, improved quality of life.

Here's what's offered:

10 for 10 Program

Pay \$10.00, lose 10# and get \$10.00 back! For 10 weeks you will be guided in a fitness regimen to burn calories and strengthen muscles to rev up your metabolism. You will receive a daily check list, tips and recipes. Find out how well your body runs when you pay attention to what it needs. What was once a chore will now be a simple task!!!

Weigh in on week 1 with a final weigh in on week 10. If you lose 10, you get \$10.00 back!! The biggest loser will receive a certificate for a FREE 8 week session with Cindy Herbest! You can join this fitness class without participating in the 10 for 10!!!

Wed. Jan. 4 – March 8.....5:15p.m. – 6:00p.m. @ the Milo Elementary School...10 weeks for \$20.00 (only \$2.00 a class!!!, \$10.00 weigh-in is separate)

YOGA

Come and find out how well your body responds to this 5,000 year old technique. Not only will you become more flexible, but also stronger! This class will only compliment any sport you participate in. Whether it is skiing, swimming, jogging, walking or even snowsledding. Help to keep your body in shape, and injury free!!!

Wed. Jan. 4 – Feb. 226:00p.m. – 7:00p.m. @ the Milo Elementary School...8 weeks for \$35.00

PICK ME UP YOGA

Evening class don't work for you? Then try a relaxing, mid-afternoon stretch along with strengthening poses that your body craves this time of the day.

Mon. Jan. 9 - March 63:15p.m. - 4:15 @ the Milo Elementary School 8 weeks for \$35.00

Any questions please call Cindy Herbest @ 943-2630

Here's to a better you in 2006

A HUGE "THANK YOU" FROM PAWS

Each person and critter at PAWS would like to thank every single one of you who helped make our annual New Year's fundraiser so successful. Over 150 people were entertained, and amused at our event. The charity Poker Tournament raised hundreds of dollars and provided tons of fun to the participants as well as the audience. And the comedy show was hilarious. Thank you Travis and Ryan.

The winner of the tournament was Mike Andrews, son of Julie and Phillip, and he won the title by outlasting a dozen skillful adversaries. Second place went to Amy from the Brownville Poker Club and third was captured by Torrey Ellis. Each of the 50 players showed great sportsmanship and the games were a joy to host and watch. We are hoping to hold a tournament every month, so give Val a call at 943-2324 if you are interested in participating.

We can't say enough about the support the shelter was given by area businesses. Thanks to:

Cat Trax LaGrange-\$25 Gift Certificate,

Bailey Lumber- A Die-Cast Truck,

Molly Johnston at "PURE AND SIMPLE"

True Value..fishing trap holder,,

Epic Sports-\$20 gift card,

Harmon's -2 Oil Changes,

The Weathervane-\$10 gift card,

Valerie Jean's American Bistro-\$50 gift certificate,

The Bear's Den-\$25 gift card,

Joe Washburn's Repair Shop-\$25

Grants Used Cars-A four-tire rotation,

The Junction-\$10 Gift Certificate,

Smith's Grocery and Lunch-\$10,

The Head Shop-2-Haircuts and a cash donation,

Chili's-\$15 Gift Certificate,

Korner Kreations-\$25 Gift Certificate,

The Nor'Easter-\$20 gift Certificate, ,

Hair Desinz-A unique gift pack,

Edwin and Ellen DeWitt for the Squirrel Feeder (A huge hit with the Zwickers and Gerrishes!)

Just Teasin'-a Gift Certificate

Total Image Salon-Gift Pack-

JD's-A gift Pack and certificate

Agway's in Dover

Allen Monroe-A portrait of the American Thred

JSI_a cash gift

and to Gerrish's and London's for their amazing cash sponsorship!!!

Over \$1000 was raised and we are so grateful!!!

And a special thanks to Leanne Bailey, Herbie Carey, Deanna Sherburne, Skeet and Bonnie Ricker, Murrel Harris, Blaine Chadwick, Mike and Crystal Stevens, Elaine Blethen, and Gary Ricker. You all know what each of you did, you are loved and appreciated.

The Milo Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Milo Town Hall. Hands-On program will be "Making a Terrarium". Bring a container, shells, rocks, etc. Moss will be furnished. Guests are welcome. Call 943-2486

Brownville Junction Public Breakfast January 7, 2006 at the Post # 92 American Legion Home sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. It will be from 7:00a.m.-10:30a.m. With a vary to choose from. Proceeds to benefit Veteran and Community Service projects. Hope you will join us. For more information call either Cathy at 965-8741 or Bonnie at 965-8746.

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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!



Hermon Hawks VS Lady Pats

By The Sports Diva

Quarter 1: Hermon 14/Penquis10

Quarter 2: Hermon 26/Penquis18

Quarter 3: Hermon 41/Penquis 30

Quarter 4: Hermon 62/Penquis 42

Mindy Dolley scored the first bucket for the Penquis Pats. with a nice 3 pointer to get things going. Kylie Palmer got into quick foul trouble picking up 3 fouls in the first 6 minutes of play. Ouch! Mindy had a nice steal with 4 seconds to go, but just didn't have time to get a good shot off before the buzzer. Sheleshia Clark comes in off the bench and scored 2 at the start of the second quarter. Jenny Stetson scored 2 off a nice pass inside from Mindy. With just 1:20 into the second quarter, Penquis rallied and tied the game 14-14.....Hermon called a time out and came out strong and went on a 9-2 run to regain the lead 23-16 with 2:45 to go.....unfortunately, turn overs changed the game real quick.

Erica Lyford scored the first bucket for the lady Pats to open the 3rd quarter. Mindy contributed a bucket, a

steal and 2 foul shots this quarter. Jenny scored 2 off another nice pass down low from Morgan Royal. Morgan also contributed 2 points of her own this quarter. Kylie Palmer got back in the game to add 2. Mindy stole the ball with 4:30 on the clock; goes in for the basket making it 35-24. Erica Lyford who started the 3rd quarter without any fouls at all.....is now plagued with her 4th foul in this quarter alone. Ouch Again!

Jenny came out and scored for Penquis to start the 4th quarter. Morgan Royal took some nice looks, making a jumper and a nice 3 pointer to throw off the Hermon Hawkes. Fouls began to mount up for our girls this quarter, putting Hermon on the line over and over, of which they made 6 for 6. Erica Lyford picked up her 5th foul, so she got to watch the game from the bench. Amber Benoit stepped in and did a fantastic job on defense, causing Hermon to turn the ball over more than once. Amber also stole the ball with her quickness and added a beautiful 3 pointer of her own. What can I say, but Great Effort Girls.....it will come!



Brent Bailey and his Lady Pats getting introduced at Hermon High School.



Coach Bailey going over some last minute details with his Lady Pats.

Patriot Profile: Justin Morrill

By Bill Sawtell

A senior at Penquis Valley, Justin began playing basketball in the Rec. Department peewee program, being greatly influenced by his dad Joe, his mom Teri, and his older sister Erika.

Not a prolific scorer, Justin had one of his best games two years ago at home against Dexter when he forced Eric Day to cough up the ball twice late in the game to help give

the Patriots the win. He's also had a couple of fine games at Central. One might consider Justin the heart of the present Penquis Patriot team.

He likes to race motocross and play video games, plays shortstop and pitches for the Penquis nine in the spring and has been accepted at Husson College, where he plans to study Business Management next year.

Good luck Justin!

Now in AIT. Seen here is Pvt. Billy Koelsch of Brownville, who completed his Basic Training November



18, in Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Billy is now in AIT at Fort Bliss, Texas, studying 88 Mike-Truck Driving. He is now on leave.

Free Course Teaches Business Basics

DOVER-FOXCROFT-- Penquis Community Action Program is offering a free Incubator Without Walls small business course.



Classes will be held from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in our Dover-Foxcroft Office, every other week for ten classes starting January 31, 2006.

The Incubator Without Walls Program helps individuals start and expand businesses with five or fewer employees. The course stresses that good management, effective marketing and financial controls lead to increased profits, and that business planning leads to business growth, profits and personal satisfaction. Classes are frequently augmented with guest speakers from the local business community, allowing participants to network with local accountants, web designers, bankers, insurance agents and an array of other experts.

The course and the Business Training Manual are free and open to all interested. An application is required. Applications are available by contacting James Macomber at the Penquis CAP IWW Program at 564-7116. Applications must be returned to Penquis CAP in Dover-Foxcroft by Friday, January 13, 2006.

Brownville Dentist.

Submitted By Bill Sawtell

Dr. Charles Stanhope at the age of 30 in 1905, possibly at his office on Church Street in a house that burned in the mid-1950s or at his office in Bangor.

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER

January 1966

The first entry in Grammie's diary that continued for twenty-eight years!

2-Nice day.

3-Snow.

4-Cold & windy.

5-Nice day.

6-Snow.

7-Cloudy.

HOLIDAY BABY

Mayo Regional Hospital

A daughter, Lauren Haley Preble, to Colleen McGuire and Daniel Preble of Sebec on December 22, 2005. Wt. 7 lbs. 6 ozs.

**M.S.A.D. #41 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
JANUARY 2006**

2-HOLIDAY
3-Chicken nuggets, mashed potato, peas, dinner roll, and fruit and milk every day.
4-Juice, pepperoni pizza, salad, and birthday cake.
5-B.L.T.C. sandwich, oven fries, and California blend.
6-Lasagna roll-ups, wax beans, and dinner roll.
9-Bacon cheeseburger, rice and corn.
10-Spaghetti/meat sauce, salad, dinner roll, and fruited pudding.
11-Tomato soup, crackers, and super sandwich.
12-Texas hash, vitamin sticks, dinner roll, and apple crisp.
13-Breadsticks, cheese/sauce, and sliced cukes.
16-MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

17-Chicken burger, cheesy potato, and green beans.
18-Turkey deluxe sandwich, oven fries, buttered carrots, and brownie.
19-Juice, pancakes, and sausage links.
20-Hot ham and cheese sandwich and potato smiles.
23-Fish filet sandwich, potato, and mixed vegetables.
24-Shepherd's pie, cole slaw, and dinner roll.
25-Pigs in a blanket, hash brown and assorted veggies.
26-Combo sandwich and broccoli/cheese.
27-Taco, rice, lettuce/tomato, and pineapple upside-down cake.

DAVID EMERY ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

David Emery, Republican candidate for Governor, will be campaigning in

Piscataquis County on Thursday and Friday. He will kick off his campaign swing at a coffee at Clarke's Country Diner in Guilford at 9 AM on Thursday and end with a question and answer session at the Piscataquis County Republican Central Committee Meeting on Friday the 12th at 7PM. All are welcome to meet and question Mr. Emery on his plans to reform Maine government.

Mr. Emery, 57, was most recently the Chairman of "Don't Mortgage ME", which gathered more than 60,000 signatures to oppose Gov Baldacci's plan to borrow \$450 million to cover the budget shortfall in Augusta. A Rockland native and Doctor of Engineering, from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, he was a Member of the Maine House of Representative from 1971 to 1975 and represented Maine in the United States Congress from 1975 to 1983. President Ronald Reagan appointed Emery as Deputy Director, U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) to the Geneva nuclear arms reduction negotiations with the Soviet Union in 1983. Mr. Emery was also President of Thomas College in Waterville.

In his announcement Emery stated that "Getting Maine's fiscal house in order will be my first order of business. Limiting State spending and paying down our debt is fundamental to addressing other pressing problems."

Mr. Emery has also identified improving the business climate to create jobs, cutting the cost of health insurance, limiting and reforming taxes and the reform of welfare and the state bureaucracy as vital to getting Maine back on the right track.

Ambassador Emery is also a strong advocate of greater energy independence and alternative energy sources for Maine. As a member of Science and Technology Committee, Emery introduced comprehensive synthetic fuel legislation and electric vehicle demonstration program; championed funding for NASA and the space program; advocated a federal loan guarantee program and research and development support for small-site hydroelectric and solar energy development.

Dave is married to Carol R. Emery, an attorney in Rockland. They have one son, Albert, a freshman at Georgia Tech majoring in electrical engineering.

Milo Man Named Director Of Baxter State Park.

By Karen Clark-

On December 28, 2005, Jensen and Sheilah Bissell of Milo were pleasantly surprised at a special meeting of the Baxter State Park Authority; Bissell was named Director of Baxter State Park. He was unanimously chosen over 70 international applicants. Bissell and his family have resided in Milo since 1987. His wife Sheilah owns a local knitting design business. Oldest son Peter is a



senior at University of Maine Orono and youngest son Noah is a sophomore at Penquis Valley High School:

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

The staff at the Milo Free Public Library hope that you all had a happy New Year's Day and that you have only good health, happiness and prosperity through 2006. We hope you make it one of your New Year's resolutions that you and your children will visit the library frequently in the new year.

Among our many library services, we provide a place for a Literacy Volunteer, Susan Duedall, to meet with her student. There are many reasons why the library is a good place. It is convenient as a meeting place because we have the large, quiet reference room, and the library is also a good half-way point for teacher and pupil to meet. The atmosphere is conducive to study with no outside interference such as telephones, radios, etc., and reference material is available. Susan has been using the library all fall. She and her pupil are flexible, and we have all worked out a schedule that is convenient for them and for us. In fact, Susan and her pupil are so unobtrusive that Pam and I often forget they are downstairs. If any other Literacy Volunteer needs a place to meet, and we can arrange a schedule, we would be glad to offer the services of our town library to help.

For the past few months we have been receiving books from the Junior Literary Guild. These books are for the upper elementary and middle school level to provide more reading for the 10-14 year olds who want more than a juvenile chapter book. We felt we needed more titles at that level and now receive two books per month from the guild. There have been a variety of books including one about Anne Frank, sport stories and general fiction. Two I have read recently were The Scarecrow and His Servant by Philip Pullman, and The Misadventures of Maude March: or Trouble Rides a Fast Horse by Audrey Coulombis. I must admit the titles and the cover illustrations intrigued me and drew me to the books. Both were interesting travel adventure stories. The Scarecrow included some fantasy. After all how does a turnip head scarecrow walk and talk, but the book was well plotted too. The Misadventures of Maude March was based on the exciting concept of the old western dime novels with lots of adventure, shooting and other tribulations, but Maude and Sallie are strong minded girls who succeed in reaching their goals amid all their troubles. Those patrons in this age group might like to

look for the books with the gold Junior Literary Guild seal on the spine.

And last, but not least we have some new backordered books that have arrived just in time for the new year. Maybe one of these titles is just what you have been waiting for.

Brown, Sandra	LONG TIME COMING
Graves, Sarah	NAIL BITER (A Home Repair is Homicide)
Iles, Greg	TURNING ANGEL
Johansen, Iris	ON THE RUN
McNaught, Judith	EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE
Roberts, Nora	RED LILY

**Please note: The library will be closed
MONDAY - January 15
In Observance of
Martin Luther King Day**

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

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathryn Witham

Happy New Year dear readers. Just when we think we've seen it all....done it all....been it all....we reach this milestone which is the New Year and we realize that we are back at a beginning. Unlike the movie Ground Hog's Day when it just gets replayed over and over again....each of our new years begins differently and ends up differently. Some things stay the same, and some things change. Some things aren't what we thought they were or would be, and there isn't anything we can do about that. We can't count all of those things as disappointments because at least half of them were probably blessings. Possibly blessings that are disguised...but blessings, nonetheless.

I've always been a strong supporter of the term, "Be careful what you wish for." It's hard to tell which of your wishes will come true. Like when you wish for it to stop raining....and it does....and then it doesn't rain for a month and we end up with high fire danger and eventually a drought. Or you wish for a little snow on Christmas Eve...just to make things sparkly and white....and your company can't get there for the blizzard.

Life is nothing if not predictable. Take the above mentioned weather for instance. We can predict that there will be weather. And, we have even gotten pretty good at predicting what that weather will be. We can predict how much money we might make in 2006, and even how much of that money we will spend....and some would tell you that they can predict what you will spend it on. They can predict the sex of your unborn baby and your chances of having a heart attack or diabetes. What is unpredictable is the force with which the weather will affect you if the storm takes a slight turn while up there in the atmosphere. They can't predict how you will manage to get by if you lose your job for some reason during the year. What difference did it make whether or not you knew the sex of your baby ahead of time, if you put that baby in jeopardy before it was born using drugs or alcohol? And if you are killed in a car accident, I guess there wasn't any worry about that heart attack now was there? Like I said, Life is nothing if not unpredictable.

New Years Day....a good time to take stock of what's important to you. Make a place for the new and get rid of the old stuff. Easier said than done. I like my old stuff. I like my new stuff, too. I went through the house this week taking a good hard look at my stuff. What could I get rid of, and what did I want to keep. Turns out there wasn't much I thought I could live without....and what would I do with it, anyway? E-bay? Yard Sale? Both of those ideas seemed like too much work. Give it away? Throw it away? Heaven forbid!

I have way too much of my brother in me. Now there's a man with a problem throwing stuff away. We didn't get that from my father....Dad could throw with the best of them. I do believe we both got our compulsion to keep and save from the mother. Mom could always see a piece of doll house furniture in every little do-dad. She was a very creative pack-rat.

Take my old Christmas cards....I've got years and years worth. Or old magazines....I have forced myself to throw away those that aren't Christmas related, but I have year's worth of holiday editions of Family Circle and Women's Day. Every once in a while I buy some fancy organizers to store them in...but then where to put the filled organizer? It's a problem that I will work on another day....for today, suffice to say I've got a shelf or two with some space left on them. When I run out of space....I'll get another set of shelves! How's that for a solution?

Here is one more recipe for the holidays....even though they are pretty much behind us...I wanted to share this.

Tangy Cheese Spread

2 (8 oz.) packages of softened cream cheese
3 tablespoons apricot jam
3 Tbs. sliced green onions (be sure to use just the green part)
3 Tbs. bacon bits
1 tsp. minced garlic
1/8 tsp. black pepper

Beat the cream cheese and jam until well blended. Stir in the onions, bacon, garlic and pepper. Chill until time to serve. Good with crackers or raw veggies.

Happy New Year!

FROM MATT IN MALI

Greetings everyone and Merry Christmas!

I don't have very much time to write this email because I'm heading back to my village shortly after biking in yesterday to celebrate Christmas with my friends. I wanted to inform everyone of a new project that is online at the Peace Corps website in which we need to raise just over \$1200. Here is the project (no I have not moved to Oregon):

Millet-Grinding Machine Project

Location	Volunteer Coordinator(s)
MALI	B. Meyer, M. Pokrywka of OR
Funds Needed	Original Request
\$1,204.00	\$1,204.00
Project Number	Community Contribution
688-174	\$463.00 (28%)

Women in Kaffa spend an average of two hours per day

pounding millet into a fine powder. The women use this powder to make millet porridge for breakfast, millet paste for lunch, and millet couscous for dinner. The women use a large mortar and pestle to pound the millet. However, using a millet-grinding machine is an alternative to pounding the millet by hand. A millet-grinding machine is a gas-powered mill that is roughly the size of a golf cart. Within a matter of minutes, this machine can accomplish the same amount of work which normally takes the women hours to complete by hand. A millet-grinding machine would allow the women to use their time more efficiently. They could spend more time growing vegetables in the community garden, taking care of their children, farming during the rainy season, or collecting baobab fruit during the hot season.

Consequently, the local women's association has decided to purchase a millet-grinding machine. The women will attend informational workshops where they will learn small business techniques, basic accounting, and general maintenance of the millet-grinding machine. The thirty-three women in the association meet weekly, and have been saving money for purchasing the machine since 2004. Men in the community will help by procuring materials, transporting the machine, and building the hut that will house the machine.

Partnership funds will be used to purchase the millet-grinding machine and other materials. The community is contributing local materials and labor, as well as a cash contribution.

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/index.cfm?shell=resources.donors.projectdetail&projdesc=688-174®ion=africa>

I hope that you can forward this email to anyone that can contribute. Take care and I'll keep you all posted on its progress.

Peace and Love,
Matt

IN MEMORIAM

EDWARD C. KELLEY

MILO - Edward C. Kelley, 94, husband of Mary E. (Delan) Kelley, died Dec. 23, 2005, at a Bangor hospital. He was born Dec. 16, 1911, in Milo, the son of Charles L. and Elizabeth (Haskins) Kelley. Mr. Kelley had served with the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of the Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post No. 29. He is survived by his wife, Mary of Milo; a brother, Guy Kelley of Milo; several nieces and nephews. A graveside service at the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery will be conducted in the spring. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home.

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

DECEMBER 28, 2005 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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.

President Chris Beres greeted ten members and six guests this last meeting of the year. She introduced Doc Sherman from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis. Doc introduced the interclub from Dover-Foxcroft. President Chris introduced two members of PVHS Key Club, Katie LaMunyon and Jessica Kahl who joined

us for breakfast today, despite the fact that PVHS is enjoying a holiday vacation this week!

The flag salute was led by Todd Lyford. Chris Almy requested a moment of silent prayer.

Correspondence: the Orono/Old Town Kiwanis newsletter was passed as well as the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Newsletter. A letter from New England District Kiwanis was discussed concerning the restructuring of Kiwanis by-laws at an upcoming convention. The Convention will be held in March in Worcester, Mass.

An anniversary celebration is in the making for Joe and Chris Beres as they celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary on Dec. 30th. Several happy and sad dollars were donated today for being able to celebrate Christmas with a 6 week old niece, a member of the cut and run club, a happy dollar to note that Dover-Foxcroft are not narrowbacks or wimps in regard to the weather today, and seeing the two Key Club girls here this morning.

Reports:

► Interclub; Chris Almy reports that there is no report available today!

► Key Club; President Chris Beres reports that Key Club advisor, Paul Grindle is away. Basketball game for Friday night will be covered by the Beres' as the Key Club advisors.

► Secret Santa; Per Janet and Murrel 155 children were given a merrier Christmas as the result of the Secret Santa Program.

Our speaker today was Jeff Gahagan from Maine Savings.

Jeff advised us that Maine Savings and Federal Credit Union is the 4th largest credit union in the state. In order to serve their members better, Maine Savings will be undergoing a new, state-of-the-art technical change to begin at 5 PM on Dec. 30th. The Maine Savings online banking will not be available until 8 AM on Jan. 3, 2006. The purpose of the new advanced technology is to provide for a smoother and faster banking program. Bank employees have undergone extensive training for the last three months in preparation for the new program.

The bank will be offering additional products for their members including some types of insurance from One Maine Insurance, a division of Maine Savings Federal Credit Union.

We were pleased to have our own Kiwanis member, Jeff Gahagan, provide us with an update on the advances of the Maine Savings and Federal Credit Union.

Regular meeting to be held on Jan. 4th. Speaker TBA.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.