



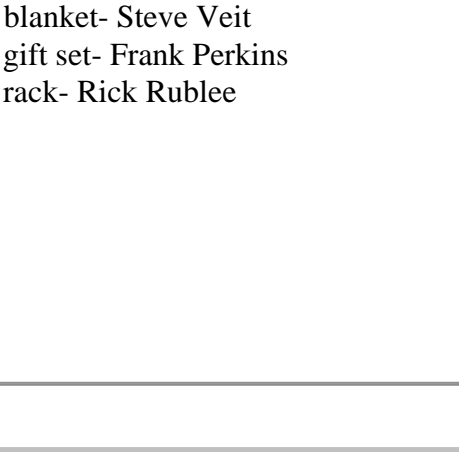
The Milo Garden Club will hold its next meeting on Jan. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Milo Town Hall. Hands-On programs will be "Making a Terrarium". Bring a container, shells, rocks, etc. Moss will be furnished. Guests are welcome. Call 943-2486

THE MILO ELEMENTARY PTO will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 19 at 6 pm at the school Craft Fair results, April drawings, and other fundraisers will be discussed. If you have ideas for PTO activities or would like to volunteer please come and share your thoughts.

PTO RAFFLE TO BENEFIT MARION C. COOK PLAYGROUND

A drawing for one cord of cut and split firewood will be held on Friday, January 13, 2006. Jennifer Stone will be selling tickets at the Rite Aid store in Milo on Thursday, January 12, from 10 am to 2 pm. The proceeds will be used to help fund new playground equipment at the Cook school in LaGrange. Sponsored by the Marion C. Cook Elementary School PTO organization.

The Penquis Lady Patriots are all smiles.....and that was BEFORE their win against Orono here on Friday night. They are shown here modeling their new "warm up" t-shirts. Congratulations girls....Residents of .M.S.A.D. #41 are so proud of you!



SPAIN 2006 Raffle Winners Announced

After months of selling raffle tickets, students traveling to Spain in April 2006 are happy to announce the winners of 2 raffles.

The winner's names were drawn at the home basketball game on December 13:
Christmas basket filled with dozens of holiday goodies- John Webb
Hand crafted bookcase- Herb's Woodland
Handmade baby quilt- Will Bickford
Hand knit jumbo Christmas stocking- Andy Pratt
Hand quilted baby topper- Kathryn Zwicker
Hand knit baby blanket- Steve Veit
Yankee Candle gift set- Frank Perkins
Folding baker's rack- Rick Ruble

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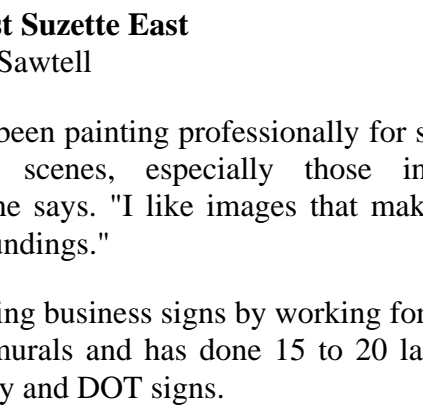
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Brownville Artist Suzette East

A Profile by Bill Sawtell

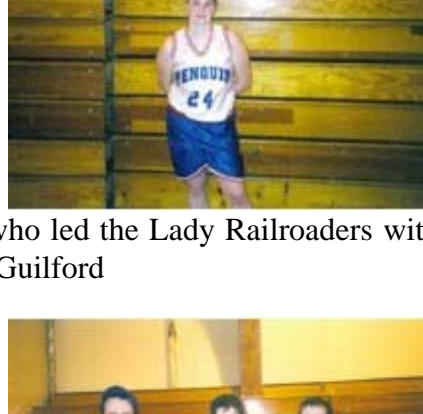
Suzette East has been painting professionally for some 21 years. "My love is nature scenes, especially those indigenous to this area-realism," she says. "I like images that make people feel good about their surroundings."

Suzette began doing business signs by working for Betty Friend at the Carusel going murals and has done 15 to 20 large signs including one for yours truly and DOT signs.

She loves to talk and teach art, as in Adult Ed when she brings out other people's gifts for painting.

Her current projects involve illustrating a book for a Brownville new beginning in new Adult Ed course, and doing a painting a commissioned painting of Schoodic Lake for a client.

"It's either I fear of fame in my business," she says. "You have to be thick skinned, as interpretation of scenes varies. The greatest compliment I get from people is that they say they can see the passion I have for my work. My hope for the year is to fine a positive outlet-a gallery or a shop and being involved with the Penquis Leadership Institute," she continues.



Brownville Artist Suzette East with Instructional Materials

WANTED: PIONEER HATS

Mrs. Weston and her 5th grade girls are looking for several girls' pioneer hats and/or long skirts from the Oregon Trail era.

If anyone has any they would be willing to loan, the class would be very grateful. They are going to be involved in an online project called "Westward Ho!" and would like to get into costume for a final project. You can contact Mrs. Weston or drop them off at the school. The boys will also be involved but it doesn't seem like their costumes will be as difficult.

Thanks very much

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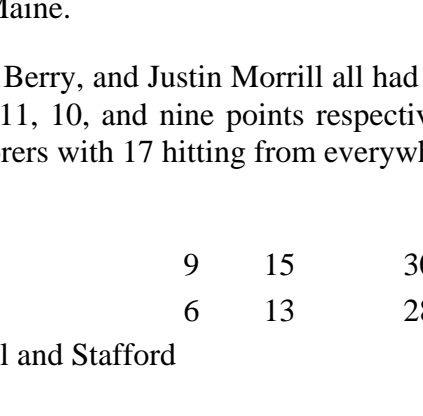
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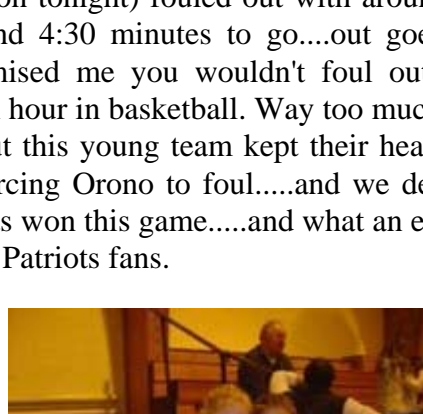
Milo, January 5--The defending Eastern Maine Class C Champion Dexter Tigers came to town on this snowy night and left winners 48-42, after leading by close margins after every period. Both teams played fine defense. But the Tigers hit their free throws down the stretch and maintained their composure in front of the large Penquis crowd to take the big win. Going into the contest, Penquis was rated third in Eastern Maine.

Nate Allen, Ross Berry, and Justin Morrill all had good games for the Patriots, scoring 11, 10, and nine points respectively. Dexter's Ryan Martin led all scorers with 17 hitting from everywhere.

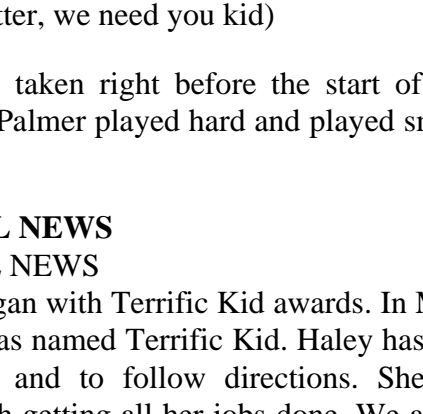
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Dexter	9	15	30	48
Penquis	6	13	28	42

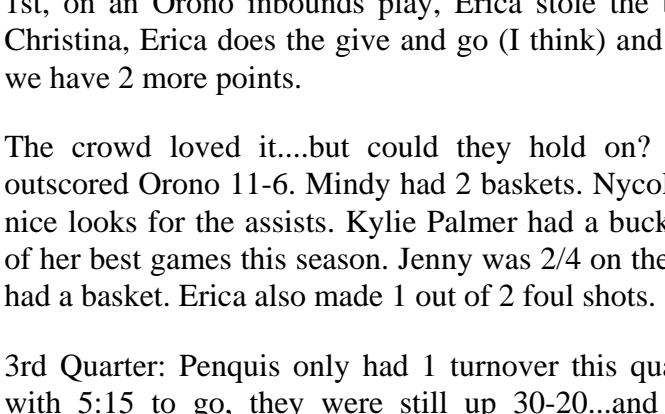
Officials: Kimball and Stafford



See here are Patriots Russ Berry, Justin Morrill, and Nate Allen, who gave a good account of themselves in the team's loss to Dexter at home on January 5.



Shelby Fowler, who led the Lady Rainforesters with 15 points in their loss to PCMS of Guilford



Penquis VS Orono

BY THE SPORTS DIVA

Quarter 1 Penquis 15 vs. Orono 10
Quarter 2 Penquis 26 vs. Orono 16
Quarter 3 Penquis 42 vs. Orono 33
Quarter 4 Penquis 56 vs. Orono 46

1st Quarter: Orono, like every other team had a height advantage and controlled the tip....but Jenny Stetson caught the tip, passed off to Kylie who gets it back in to Mindy and she looks low, back to Jenny who goes up, misses, Erica tips it back out to Mindy - she gets fouled immediately by their tall girl #40. On the inbound play, #40 jumps for her second quick foul on Jenny while in the act of shooting-(I suddenly have a good feeling about this game). Jenny goes on the line for 2 but doesn't capitalize. The coach for Orono questions the ref because he thought they called the foul on their #10, but the call stood, making it 2 on their tall girl.... (Who has to come out of the game). (Break #1 for Penquis)

Erica Lyford scored the first bucket with a nice pump fake off a nice dish inside from Christina Gerrish. Next possession, Christina AGAIN hits Jenny Stetson inside - (great passing) she goes up for the easy 2. Penquis Lady Pats take the lead 4-0 in the 1st Quarter and they never looked back. The Orono coach did NOT like what he was seeing, and when they played them on their home court, Penquis led 3 1/2 quarters, so he had to be nervous about this game. I will say right of the bat that these girls came away with a win because they didn't have anywhere near the amount of turnovers that they usually do in a game....much better hits and the smart passes.

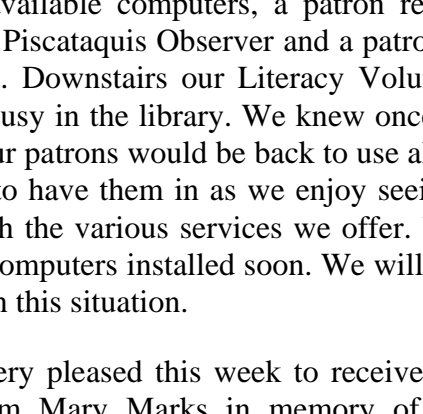
Mindy got fouled and hit in the nose late in the first quarter, so she had to run to the locker room, change her shirt, Christina comes in for her on the line but misses both. With just a few seconds to go in the 1st, on an Orono inbound play, Erica stole the ball, passes off to Christina, Erica does the give and go (I think) and I pump fake later we have 2 more points.

The crowd loved it....but could they hold on? 2nd Quarter: We outscored Orono 11 to 6. Mindy had 2 baskets. Nyoche Carey had some nice looks for the assist. Kylie Palmer had a bucket and played one of her best games this season. Jenny was 2/4 on the foul line and also had a basket. Erica also made 1 out of 2 foul shots.

3rd Quarter: Penquis only had 1 turnover this quarter and that was with 5:15 to go, they were still up 30-20....and unfortunately the turnover was on a pass from Erica to Mindy, while reaching to catch the ball got clipped by an Orono player....Mindy appeared to have hit her hand on that girls hip

while she was running by her.... Mindy went down on the floor in incredible pain, she was down for a long time; it was just awful.....her Mom and Dad ended up taking her to the emergency room in Bangor with what looked like a broken wrist. (I talked with Mindy the next morning and she said she wore ligaments and possible broken bones in her hand, too swollen to tell.) I have to say that Mindy Doolley has more than her share of injuries in sporting events.....

After the play resumes, Morgan Royal drains a big 3 - just as Brent was calling for a time out. CRAP....I didn't count! But, Morgan showed guts and confidence, came out of the time out, gets set and DOES IT AGAIN! It was HUGE.....THE CROWD WENT WILD. That's all I will say about that quarter. 4th Quarter: Anybody who has watched these girls play knows how tough the 4th quarter has been for this team. I struggled to watch, I couldn't bear another heartbreaker. It all came down to foul shooting and the young freshmen stepping it up! Penquis made 10 for 18 on the charity stripe and the only 2 field goals, where offensive pc backs by Casey Sherburne. They were huge! At one point, we started to let them back in it, cutting the lead to only 7, but that would prove to be as close as they would get. Thank goodness. With the score 48-39, their #12 fouls out (break #2). For us....Christina Gerrish (who played her best game of the season tonight) fouled out with around 6 minutes to go. Then, with around 4:30 minutes to go....out goes Jenny. Oh, NO! (Jenny you promised me you wouldn't foul out!) Four and a half minutes is like an hour in basketball. Way too much time left for them to come back, but this young team kept their heads in the game and ran the clock, forcing Orono to foul....and we definitely capitalized on that. Foul shots won this game.....and what an exciting game it was for those anxious Patriots fans.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GREAT JOB GIRLS. (P.S. Mindy.....get better, we need you kid)

This picture was taken right before the start of the game. Nycole Carey and Kylie Palmer played hard and played smart in their victory over Orono.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Our assembly began with Terrific Kid awards. In Miss Brown's room, Haley Bernard was named Terrific Kid. Haley has been working hard to pay attention and to follow directions. She is showing great improvement with getting all her jobs done. We are happy Haley has had a great week. In Mrs. Carter's room, Sha-Lynn Trafion is the Terrific Kid. She always does her homework and has her planner signed. Sha-Lynn is always respectful and willingly will redo or recheck assignments. She is working hard to be more organized with her work and her desk supplies. In Miss K's room, Joshua Leighton is the Terrific Kid. Mrs. Andrews and Miss K, are very proud of Josh for working so hard on improving his attitude. He is trying harder in his work and to be kind to other students and adults. It's great when Josh starts the day with a positive attitude.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

January 4, 2006, the first library day after the bustle of the holiday season was a busy one for us. At one time I counted 13 patrons in the library including the mothers and children in the juvenile area, the 3 patrons on the available computers, a patron relaxing in our easy chair reading the Piscataquis Observer and a patron doing research at the reading table. Downstairs our Literacy Volunteer tutor and her pupil were also busy in the library. We knew once the holidays were completed that our patrons would be back to use all our services. Pam and I were glad to have them in as we enjoy seeing our patrons and helping them with the various services we offer. We are in hopes of having our new computers installed soon. We will keep you informed on our progress in this situation.

We have been very pleased this week to receive a large number of audio books from Mary Marks in memory of her mother, Ruth Youngblood. We have had requests for these kinds of items, and are so pleased that Mary and her brothers thought of the library and have donated their mother's collection to us. In the next column I will list the titles of these audio books. Even if you do not have a vision problem, these audio books can be useful in the home while exercising or working, and in the car while commuting to and from work or other traveling. We are so glad to be able to offer these books to our patrons in memory of Ruth.

Unfortunately, it's that time of year-INCOME TAX. We have received quite a few forms both federal and state of Maine. We have ME FASTFILE-both long and short forms, 2441 Child and Dependent Care Expenses, 2106 Employee Business Expenses, Credit for the Elderly and Disabled (both 1040 & 1040A) and Schedule C Profit and Loss from Business. I'm sure we'll be getting more forms because we don't seem to have any of the multiple 1040's (1040A, 1040EZ etc.). I'll keep you informed through this column, but come in and check us out too.

Melissa Hill will be conducting her Preschool Story Time on Monday, January 23 from 3:30-4:30. All preschoolers are welcome to enjoy this hour of stories and crafts. Caregivers are expected to stay. Bring your preschooler in to enjoy a fun hour with peers.

We have received new books this week. Here is the list.

Bradford, Barbara Taylor JUST REWARDS
Evans, Richard Paul THE SUNFLOWER
Fielding, Joy MAD RIVER ROAD
Hess, Joan MALPRACTICE IN MAGGODY
Kestova, Elizabeth THE HISTORIAN
Krentz, Jayne Ann ALL NIGHT LONG
Lewis, Beverly THE PREACHER'S DAUGHTER
(#1 in a new series ANNIE'S PEOPLE)
Snyder, Maria V. POISON STUDY

Please note the library will be closed on
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Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathryn Witham

It's relatively early on the deadline as I write this. What you don't know is that Saturday I'm writing this. Is it this Saturday, or was it last Saturday? Lots of variables there. I might have written it the same day I wrote last week's column....just later in the day. I've been known to do that before....be so inspired and creative that I could pound out two columns in one day. That doesn't happen to be the case, but it could have been. My point being....things aren't always what they seem. Rumor isn't always fact. As a matter of fact....rumor is seldom fact.

There may be a word of truth in a rumor, but lots and lots of the story could be erroneous. If you've heard a rumor, your first reaction should be to doubt it. Why is it that when we hear rumors, our very first reaction is to believe it? I don't understand that. I suppose that's why you are the type of person who doesn't spread rumors....never passes anything on to anyone else; it doesn't matter if the facts are straight. But who amongst us isn't guilty of passing something along to the next person. It might not be done maliciously. It might be passed along as part of conversation, but passed along just the same.

And how many of you have ever passed something along and added your own spin to the story? You might have even said, "This is my take on this, but did you know....yadayadaya." It's so easy to do. By the time the story gets around the neighborhood, it's completely false, yet passed on as though it were the gospel truth. I've seen it happen time and time again....a tiny shred of truth blown completely out of proportion.

Over the holiday my family played a little game around the dining room table. When we were kids a favorite party game was called "Gossip." One person would say something into the ear of the person next to them. It could not be repeated, and must be passed on to the next person as you heard it the first time. We adults at the table were trying to make a point to the children about how dangerous gossip is and why it isn't a good idea to listen to it....much less pass it on. There were ten of us at that table...a mixture of old and young. The gossip sentences (mostly made up by the grandchildren) were of a teasing nature....gossiping fun at their grandfather and me. Not one of those gossips made it around the table from beginning to end correctly.

Sometimes I think that vicious people deliberately dream up stories about others, and then strategically whisper their newly invented story into the ear, when theirs is going to do the most harm. A whoshe...you've got yourself a full blown rumor. It takes on a life of its own, spreading like wildfire destroying everything and everybody in its path. It's a very sick thing.

It's human nature to repeat information. It's called the "information highway." It's important to pass along knowledge by word of mouth. Good product information, a tasty recipe, a funny joke, or a personal experience that was exciting or intriguing, are all really healthy conversations to involve yourself in. The time to beware is when the conversation turns nasty and a vicious rumor gets mentioned. Beware of the story and beware of the person telling you the story.

I always irritate the teller by immediately asking, "Who told you that?" I even sometimes go so far as to not let them leave my earshot without saying, "I don't believe a word of it!" Repeating a rumor is used for shock value. The teller is trying to get, what my mother would call, a "rise" out of you. Some people are better in it than others. But, you can bet that unless the story directly happened to, or in front of, the teller....you are only getting a fraction of truth, if that much.

We are all guilty of gossip. It's only human nature to listen to it, react to it, and finally in some form or other pass it on. You might pass it on with the disclaimer that you don't know how reliable your information is or was, or even that you don't believe it, but you still pass it along. You might think the rumor isn't hurtful to other people in any way, but you must remember "hurtful" is in the eye of the target. What you might think is a very benign statement of fact, could be devastating to the person who is the topic of conversation.

Didn't you feel terrible for those miners' families this week? It was rumored that their loved ones had survived only to learn three hours later that the exact opposite was true. The news media, petrified that they would be taken to task for somehow spreading that rumor, turned the whole tragedy into a tragedy about the rumor's spread....instead of what it really was....a terrible mining accident.

It's not too late in the month of January to add "not gossiping" to your New Year's resolutions. What a healthy community we would be, if we could adhere to that resolution. Think how productive our conversations would be with one another. We could concentrate on the truth instead of half truths or less. Think about how much of your time is wasted on someone else's bad news.

My daughter called this morning and asked if I would like some fresh shrimp! Heck, yes!!! So, I called my cousin Joan out in New Hampshire and this is the recipe she gave me for cooking it. This recipe came from Rachel Ray's 30-minute meals cookbook....which I have, somewhere, buried in this mess that is my office. Fresh Shrimp for Shrimp Cocktail

Squeeze the juice of a lemon into a pot and then drop the rinds right into the pot.
2 bay leaves
1 Tbs. coriander seeds
1 Tbs. mustard seeds
Shrimp - mine will be peeled ahead of time, but Joan said hers weren't peeled, and she thought it was easier to get those peelings off after they were cooked.
Cover the shrimp with cold water and bring to a boil.
Boil 3 minutes or until pink, drain.
Cold shock and then refrigerate.

Serve with your favorite shrimp cocktail sauce. Some of the seeds cling to the shrimp during the draining and shocking process....and that just added to the delicious flavor of them. She did pick those bay leaves out and dispose of them before serving.

Friday, January 13, 2006

The Piscataquis County Republican Committee will meet in Dover-Foxcroft, at the County Court House-Probate Room at 7:00 pm.
David Emery, gubernatorial candidate will be guest speaker. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For additional information call Miriam McArthur, 564-0856

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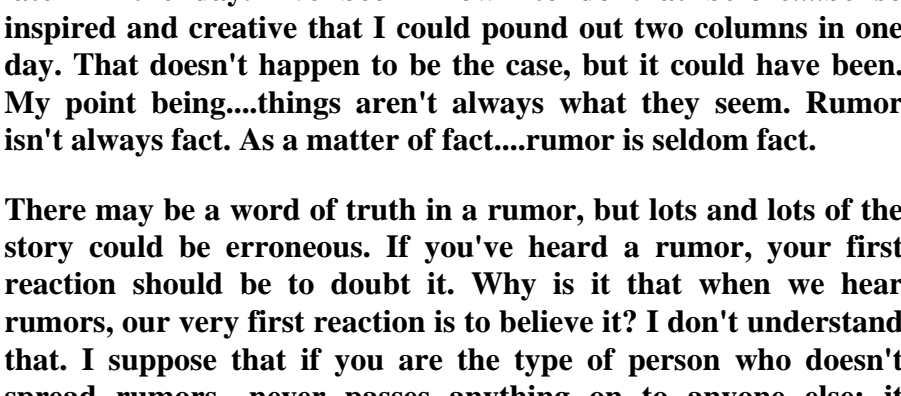
The Central Maine Republican Women will meet at 6:00 pm at the Stites residence, 12 Forest Ave, Dover-Foxcroft.
If you would like more information about our group please contact: Miriam McArthur, 564-0856.

Thank you, Miriam McArthur, Secretary Central Maine Republican Women

IN MEMORIAM

Muriel E. Morrison

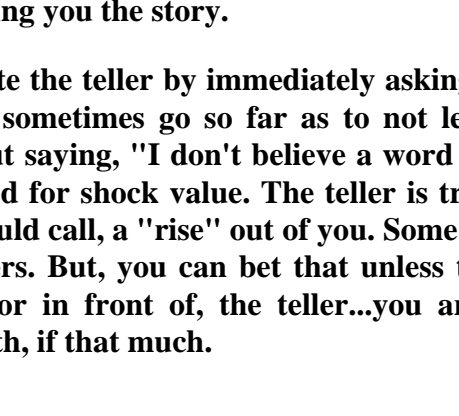
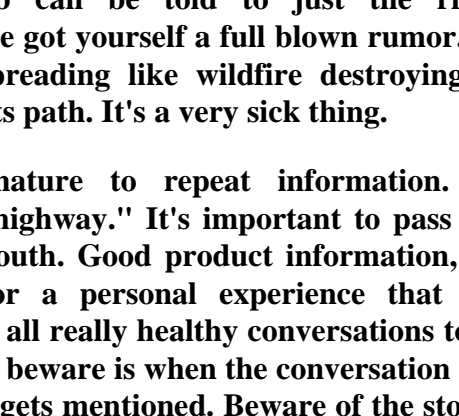
Milo-Muriel E. Morrison, 78, wife of the late Robert Morrison, died Dec. 30, 2005, at a Waterville hospital. Mamie, as she was affectionately known by family and friends, was born Jan. 3, 1927 in Carroll, the daughter of Lewis and Dora (Hanscom) Herb. She and Bob lived a big part of their lives in Massachusetts. They later lived in both Bradford and Milo. She worked as a bookkeeper for PCI in Brownville until her retirement. She then continued with bookkeeping for the Three Rivers Ambulance and the Milo Water District before she fully retired from the work force.



BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY

Brownville Elementary School held their first assembly of the year 2006 at the school on January 5th. Chief Todd Lyford was our Kiwanian friend, helping Mrs. Wright honor the Terrific Kids. The happy faces you see are those of Matthew Vachon, Grade 5; Cyle Durand, Grade 2; James Gerrish-Baker, Grade 3; Harley Brooker, Grade 1; Alex Smith, Kindergarten; Alex Zelkan, Grade 6; and Dana Sherwood, Grade 4.

Students with good grades and good attendance were also given paperwork from The University of Maine Black Bears to honor their achievement. Students at the Brownville school who participate in the band played the school song while everyone sang along.



She is survived by a son Wade Morrison and his special friend Mary Cousins of Portland; a daughter Lauren Morrison of Waterville; two cousins Lucille and Sandra of Florida, her aunt Lucy Hanscom of Lincoln, a very special brother-in-law Perl Morrison, and his wife Josephine of Milo, sister-in-laws Ruth Dunton of Florida, and Hilda Richards and her husband Arthur of Bradford, Lena Morrison of Massachusetts, and Mary Morrison of Scotland, Betty Celo of Milo, and many special nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brother-in-laws Harold, Donald (Bucky), and Craig Morrison and a sister-in-law Pauline (Honey) Carey.

Spring interment will be in the Evergreen Cemetery. Mamie's family would like to thank the entire staff at Inland Hospital in Waterville for the excellent care she received. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Inland Hospital Foundation, 200 Kennedy Memorial Drive, Waterville, Me 04901. For an online register book, please visit www.clayfuneralhome.com.

DAVID F. GOODRICH

ELLSWORTH - David Goodrich, 60, died Jan. 1, 2006, at a Bangor hospital. He was born Aug. 15, 1945, in Milo, the son of Ralph and Hilda (Bridges) Goodrich. David enjoyed swimming at Newbury Neck and going for walks. He also enjoyed motorcycling around Newbury Neck and telling stories. David is survived by a son, Jason Goodrich and wife, Megan; a daughter, Traci Goodrich, all of Portland, Ore.; and the mother of his children, Viola Morgan of Charleston; one brother, Ronald Goodrich of Trenton, one aunt, two nieces, one nephew and two cousins. He was predeceased by a sister, Audrey Goodrich. Friends are invited to call 10-11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, at Jordan-Fernald, 113 Franklin St., Ellsworth, with memorial services to follow 11 a.m. at Dave's request, gifts in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

WILLIAM ARNOLD TABER

MILO - William Arnold Taber, 86, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006, at the Togus Veterans' Hospital. He was born Sept. 15, 1919, at Bath, the son of William A. and Catherine (Cullinan) Taber. Will was a veteran of World War II and worked in the Bangor area for most of his life. He is survived by his wife, Ernestine and one stepdaughter, Doris Neptune; one sister, Patricia Gegan Sandberg and husband, Richard, of Bangor; two brothers, Norm and wife, Henrietta, of Veazie, Gerry and wife,