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THERE WILL BE A HOCKEY GAME TO BENEFIT MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, AT 8PM AT THE T.J. RYAN CENTER IN BREWER. ADMISSION IS \$5, AND THE GAME WILL FEATURE THE THIRD WATCH HOCKEY CLUB VS THE LEWISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT. CHILDREN UNDER 10 ARE ADMITTED FOR FREE.
FOR TICKETS, CALL BOBBY ELLISON AT 942-2317.

Kylie Palmer and Jenny Stetson work hard to keep Dover from scoring. During a Penquis game



the foul line with Bailey making 13 of their 25 points on the line. Milo Fire did almost as well making 12 foul shots of their 30 points. Justin Brown had the only field goal for Bailey for 2 with Chris Glidden sinking both of his foul shots and Jonah Johnston making 1 for 1 to give them a lead of 19-18 at the end of the third.

Trevor Lyford and Isaiah Bess both hit a field goal a piece in the third for a total of 4 points in that quarter for them. Greg Hathorn, Justin Brown and Zach Ells each had a bucket a piece in the 4th for 6 points, and Isaiah Bess had 6 points to balance them out. William Dean did a fantastic job of boxing out and staying on his feet but it was his 2 foul shots in the 4th quarter that tied the game up. Trevor Lyford stole the ball on the inbounds with about a minute to go and got fouled on the lay up and he also swished both of his foul shots.



Justin Brown and Tyler Pellitier get set to start the 1st playoff game on Tuesday night against Milo Fire Dept.

It was a nip and tuck game with the score tied 11/11 going into half time..... after half time it was still tied 14/14 with each team making 3 foul shots. Both teams shot well on

**If you would like to play
Woman's Recreational
Basketball in Milo
And are age 8th Grade to Infinity
Contact Dawn Russell
at 943-5062**



**\$10.00 per player per team.
Wednesday and Thursday starting, March 1st
at P.V.H.S.
Program finishes March 30th.**

**. The Milo Garden Club will hold its
February meeting at the Milo Town Hall
on February 14 at 1 p.m. Program will be
the Elementary Outing Club and Making
Valentines. Bring scissors, colored paper,
doilies, etc. Potential members are
welcome.**

Take a Walk in my Shoes



Womancare, a community based organization working to end domestic violence in Piscataquis County, is showcasing a campaign called “Take a Walk In My Shoes” with a window display in Attorney Hamlin’s window on Elm Street in Milo during the end of February.

The display features 372 pairs of shoes representing victims who have been served by Womancare from September 2004 until October 2005. Each pair of shoes tells a very distinct story about the person who wore them. Some victims even donated their own shoes as a way of ridding themselves of the painful memories of abuse.

Domestic violence is an epidemic that plagues all communities. One in three Americans has experienced some form of domestic abuse. Many victims are not able to report and must remain silent about the abuse endured at home.

What can we do? We can listen to victims, we can celebrate their healing, and we can believe their stories of torture and fear. Take a moment to read the actual stories displayed with the shoes and listen to the silent voices of the victims.

Womancare staffs a 24-hour helpline (1-888-564-8165). Call if you need someone to listen or you know of someone who needs help.
Brenda Fraser ,Community Relations Coordinator , Womancare

PROJECT LINUS DAY PLANNED

Dover-Foxcroft – The Eastern Maine Chapter of Project Linus will hold a Make a Blanket Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, February 18, at the Penquis Higher Education Center, 50 Mayo Street, Dover-Foxcroft. The mission of Project Linus is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need, through the gifts of new, handmade, washable blankets and afghans, lovingly crafted by volunteer blanketeers. The Eastern Maine Chapter, a volunteer organization serving three counties in Eastern and Central Maine, has donated more than 3,000 blankets for Maine kids since its inception in 1998.



Blankets for children in need will be assembled during Make a Blanket Day. Our goal is to complete or collect 100 blankets. Everyone is invited to join in the fun between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Community involvement is vital to the success of this event, and we are hoping to exceed last year’s attendance of 40 people to help make these blankets. Two free quilt classes will be offered. Lee Priest will be teaching a simple quilt-as-you-go strip quilt and Rita Mountain will be teaching a strip flannel quilt pattern.

Fabrics will be provided but you need to bring your own machine. If you would rather work on your own or with a buddy, we’ll be setting up the gym and you can choose your project, or bring along one to finish. Call 965-8005 to reserve your space. The Main Street Business and Professional Women’s group will be providing food for which they will accept donations.

For more information on Make a Blanket Day and to learn more about Project Linus, please call Merlene at 965-8005 or email at mainelinus@panax.com or visit their website at <http://www.projectlinus.org>.

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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!

PVHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO FORM

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!
By Valerie Robertson

An effort to form a Penquis Valley Alumni Association is underway and we need the help of everyone who is an alumnus, is a relative of an alumnus or knows an alumnus.

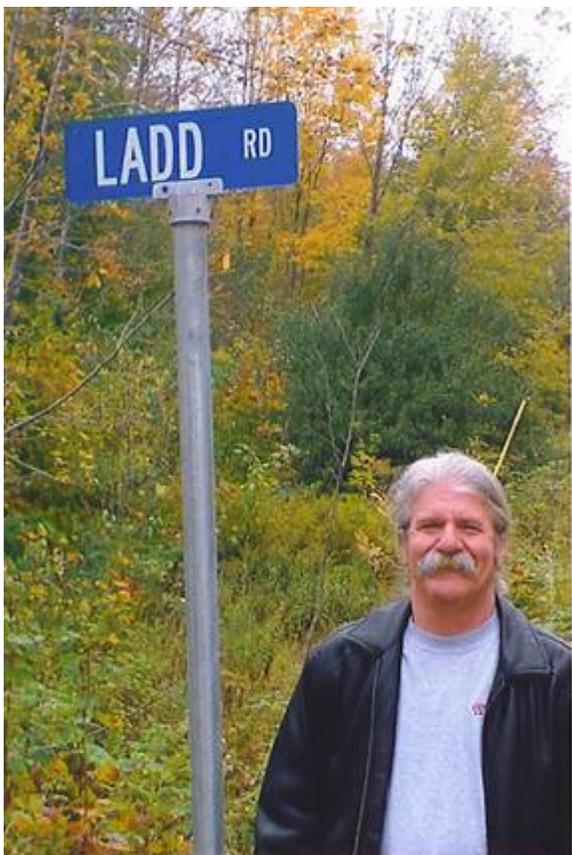
The effort is being spearheaded by Gerry Demers, a member of the Class of 1973. Gerry lives in Florida, but has kept a deep interest in Milo, its area and his schoolmates. He has drafted a proposed group of By-Laws and is a great organizer, but because of his location needs the help of us who live closer and have some free time. A copy of the by-laws are on page 9 of this edition of the newspaper

The first thing you can do to help is go to : <http://www.penquisforums.net> and register and join the discussion under Alumni. We have a small group who are taking charge and you can see what is needed there.

If you don't have internet access, you can drop a line to Valerie Robertson, PO Box 81, Milo, ME 04463. In your letter give your name, your gradating year, or the year you would have graduated, and your current address and phone number. Also mention if there is any capacity you would like to be involved in the Association. We plan on holding our first meeting/party during the weekend of July 21, 22, & 23, 2006, so we don't have a lot of time. During this first meeting, we will elect officers and discuss future reunions.

Let's get this going and make our first meeting an event to remember. What we need are names to start compiling a directory, so go to www.penquisforums.net and register under your appropriate class year.

And speaking of Penquis alumnus, can you name the guy in the following picture? He caused quite a stir during his years here in Milo, and he has not calmed down any now that he lives in Colorado. My first memory of him is he and a group of classmates sitting Indian-style in a circle on the floor of the Milo Town Hall auditorium singing the "Fish Cheer" and calling for world peace. Once a hippy, always a hippy!!



Gerry's e-mail address is demersg@vtrocket.com,
And the forum address www.penquisforums.net.

Please get involved!!!

Future members of the PVHS Alumni Association!

Sophie Wilson and her husband Carl had a little girl on Friday morning, February February 3rd. Her name is Eleni Claire



Leotsakos Wilson.....she weighed 8 lbs 10 oz and she was 20" long. She is pictured with big brother Isaiah. Carl is a teacher at



PVHS, and Sophie is the Town Manager at Brownville. Railroader Kiel Larson at the Line with Jerell Arafein (15 White) Looking on in First Round Game against Hichborn

Railroaders Go Down In Semis

Milo, February 8-Trailing since midway in the second quarter, the PVMS boys fought valiantly to get back in the contest but were eliminated by the Eagles of SEDOMOCHA 55-48.

Kiel Larson led Penquis with 12 points; while Ben Richardson netted 22 for SEDOMOCHA and was unstoppable underneath.

Officials: Moseley and Raymond

William Dean and Derek Johnston square up for the jump ball all the beginning of their teams play off game in Brownville





#3 for Milo Fire is Chris Crescilius

Alex Zelkan, William Dean and David Cianci wait in line to practice their foul shots

Nicole Carey and Erica Lyford are working hard vs. Dover.



United States Marine PFC Jessica L. Beaulieu is a 2005 graduate of Penquis Valley High School and has successfully completed 13 weeks of Marine Corps Basic Training at Parris Island, South Carolina. Having completed her training as a field communications wireman and is stationed in San Diego. Her unit, Bravo Company, has just received orders for deployment to Iraq, and her unit will be shipping out this week.

Soon to be joining her big sister in the fleet is Miss Holly Beaulieu, who will graduate in June and will be leaving for basic training this July. Holly is looking forward to serving with her sister in Iraq.

Their father was a radio communications specialist with a recon detachment during his tour with the Marine Corps.

Railroad YMCA



PVMS Cheerleaders

Front: Morgan Drake, Christina Bowdin, Sara Lemik, Camile Cramer, Chelsea Cobb, Reba Howell, Rachel Emery, Morgan Drake, Zully Rodriguez
Back: Lindsey Rideout, Dani Word, Kayla Kearns, Taylor Lovejoy, Cassie Rideout, Breanne Andrews, Amanda Peterson, Coach Robin Lyford

The girls went to competition in Bangor on February 4, coming in third in their division. Their next competition will be in East Corinth on February 18, where they hope to place even higher.



Built in 1917 with some money being taken from railroad workers' pay and torn down in 1966, the YMCA in Brownville Junction could accommodate 42 guests—both permanent and transients. It had a pool table shuffleboard, banquet facilities, and a doctor's office, bowling alleys inside and a tennis court and baseball field outside. It was a social center for all and was used as a hospital after the Onawa Wreck in 1919.

Penquis Boys Lose Tough One By Bill Sawtell

PCHS 38, Penquis 36

Milo, February 7--Roy Burdin's 17 footer at the final buzzer gave the visiting Pirates the win and mucho Heal points here in a thriller, as Jamie Russell's club came from five points back with 1:29 left to win 38-36.

It was a defensive struggle par excellence.

Burdin led the Pirates with 14, and teammate Mike Wharff had 11. Nate Allen paced Penquis with 13 ; while Alex Zwicker threw in 10.

Quarter Scores:

PCHS	12	19	25	38
Penquis	7	19	29	36

Officials: Corneil and Gallant

Penquis Boys Go Down in Season Finale

Howland, February 9-- In a game that saw the Howlers take command in the final minutes and set up a playin game between these two teams in Milo on Wednesday, the Patriots went down to defeat in their final game of the season 59-53.

Matt Cummings led the Howlers with 19, hitting from all over; and Chad Trapier 15.

Kole Stevens and Russ Berry had 13 and 10 respectively for the Patriots.

Quarter Scores:

Penquis	6	19	42	53
PVHS	12	29	41	59

Officials: Anderson and Webb

Editors Note: Our heart-felt thanks to Bill for his coverage of sports and community interests!!! Keep up the good work!!



Chris Foss on the foul line sinks both foul shots to seal the hard fought win over Dover 65-61.

PeeWee Playoffs

Boys from Brewer Electric faced off with Milo Fire Dept.



During half-time of a Penquis game the PeeWees played. Skylar Beard tries to keep the ball away from his defender Trevor Lyford. The game ended in a tie "0-0"

Senior Cheerleader Kristin Burch strikes a pose during one of the girls routines.

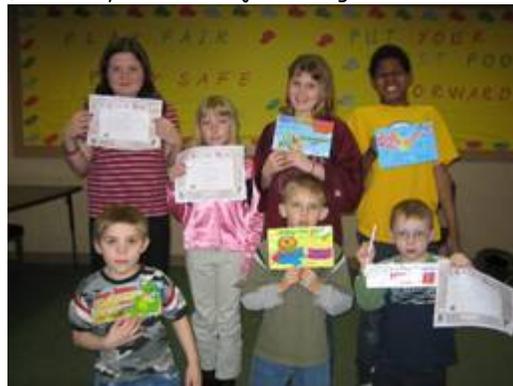


AREA SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE COOK SCHOOL IN LAGRANGE

We began our 2/10/06 assembly by singing "Grand Old Flag". We also sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" to celebrate sports day at our school. Everyone was decked out in their favorite sport's t-shirt. Thanks again to Ronn Parker for accompanying us on the guitar. From Miss Brown's room, the Terrific Kid this week is Ethan Neal. Miss Brown is very proud of Ethan. He has been working hard and finishing his homework. He has been using his words to handle situations. He has been getting right to his work and finishing his work on time. From Mrs. Carter's room, the Terrific Kid is Kendra Cross. Kendra has earned this award this week for working hard on her work and in dealing with her friends. Kendra stays for the second bus, and is very well-behaved during this time. She is a great helper for Ms. Grant, and works quietly. From Miss K.'s room, the Terrific Kid is Amber Dowd. Miss K. and Mrs. Andrews are very proud of Amber. She has been getting her work all done and has had a great attitude. She is getting along well with others and is friendly to everyone.

To celebrate the 100th day of school, the second and third graders sang "Counting to One Hundred". To celebrate Valentine's Day, the fourth and fifth graders sang "Put a Little Love in Your Heart". Bus students for the week are Dylan, Taylor, and Kyle. Great job being safe on the bus!



We sang birthday wishes to Isaiah, who will turn 10 on Valentine's Day.

Reminders:

- Oil raffle tickets are still on sale.
 - Move and Improve begins in March.
 - Winter Carnival is February 17 at 12:30.
- Caught Being Good bags were presented to Logan, Cassidy, Sha-Lynn, Isaiah, and Ryan.

Dental Program at the Cook School

Tammy Elsenhiemer, Karen Crocker and Max visited our school and presented an informative program about how to keep teeth healthy. Tammy and Karen work at Dr. Steinke's office in Dover-Froxcroft. They taught us which snacks are good for our teeth. Isaiah, Bridgette, Taylor, Dillon, Dakota, Haley M., Kyle, Andrew, Josh and Hannah served as student helpers. We were delighted to learn that chocolate is better for our teeth than many other snacks.

Healthy snacks will prevent tooth decay and help you to have a healthy smile.

4 Keys to a Super Smile

1. Eat good snacks.
2. Brush and Floss Teeth.
3. Flouride Treatments
4. Sealants

Mrs. Elsenheimer (with Max's help) showed us how to brush our teeth. It's important to spend two minutes brushing twice a day.



Thank you ladies for the interesting and important lesson.

Adult Education News

What are you doing that is good for you and our community? Have you ever considered taking adult education classes for enrichment and fun? This is a great way to drive away cabin fever! Many of our community neighbors are already participating in classes like Beautify Your Inner Space, Woodworking, Identifying Wildlife in Winter, Quilting, and Landscape painting to name a few, as well as refresher classes for college coursework.

It is not too late to sign up for classes. We have several that will begin later this month or in early March. T'ai Chi - specifically for those with physical limitations, Creative Writing, Computer for Beginners, Conversational Spanish, Knitting, and Quilting all have later start dates. Call the PVAEC office at 564-6525 for more information.

I am always looking for class ideas and instructors. Please continue to send me your ideas and I will work to offer what the community wants.

Thelma Regan, Piscataquis Valley Adult Education Cooperative Director

EMPLOYEE LENDS A HAND

By Robin Lawson
Administrative Assistant,
U.S. Communications and Government Relations

As hundreds of communities in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi began to assess and rebuild all that was lost in Hurricane Katrina, many citizens across the U. S. and Canada reached out to help their Southern friends. Across the U. S., thousands of National Guard and military reservists were recalled to active duty, including Tom Howard, Domtar's Director for U. S. Communications and Government Relations in Augusta, Maine, and a 19-year member of the United States Coast Guard Reserves.

Tom arrived at Coast Guard Air Station in Mobile, Alabama on September 5 to find a region that was reeling from one of the worst natural disasters in modern times.

During his deployment, Tom assisted with supply and transportation missions distributing necessary supplies to help maintain rescue and recovery operations throughout the hardest hit areas in three cities in Mississippi: Gulfport, Biloxi and Pascagoula.

Tom said, "Some of the stuff I've seen is just so beyond description. If I lived here and had to face what these people are facing, I'm not sure I'd be strong enough. The strength shown by the victims helps to keep you going," in addition, Tome stated, "There's no such thing as a small contribution in cases like these. Even a drop in the bucket is worth a gallon of gratitude."

ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER

Gratitude was the order of the day when the US Coast Guard recognized Tom for his work by naming him Sailor of the Quarter for the Northern New England Sector. This is the first time a reservist from the region has received this prestigious honor.

We also just learned that Tom's contribution has been acknowledged by another organization. The Jobs for Maine's Graduates, which provides drop out prevention and school to career transition services to students, expressed its warmest appreciation in a recent letter to Domtar. They thanked the Company for supporting Tom's service as a key member of their team for the last nine years, most recently, as Chair of the Board of Directors.

And, most recently, he was rewarded a "17 gallon pin" from the American Red Cross for his donation of 136 pints of blood since 1975. Congratulations Tom!

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS RECEIVES LETTER OF THANKS January 23, 2006

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for your contribution of \$1000 to the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund for Hurricane Katrina. These funds will bring aid to the countless children who

are the victims of this terrible and most devastating natural disaster.

Kiwanis Clubs or Districts in the areas that were affected by the disaster to aid in the work with children are using contributions accepted by our Foundation. Our Foundation is working through those districts and clubs to ensure that contributions will be directed to children with the most immediate and critical needs.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those who are suffering because of this devastating natural disaster. The Kiwanis family is demonstrating its power of love through service to those who suffer. Thank you again for joining us in serving the children who are truly the most innocent victims of this tragedy.

Yours in Kiwanis Service Daniel P. Borba Executive Director

PENQUIS VALLEY SCHOOL SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

SENIORS-HIGH HONORS-Jennifer Hartmann and Kylie Palmer.

HONORS-Adam Ballash, Kimberly Carpenter, Christopher Dumont, Christina Gerrish, Jon Hamlin, Tyler Herbst, Christopher Hull, Matthew Ludden, Jamie Perkins, Melissa Stone, and Jeremy Tuscano.

JUNIORS-HONORS-Kristin Burch, Melinda Crossman, Andrew DeMaris, Krystle Leavitt, Jessica Metros, and Ashley Rideout.

SOPHOMORES-HONORS-Cody Andrews, Noah Bissell, Kyle Gero, Jessica Kahl, Ryan Madden, and Cheryl Roesing.

FRESHMEN-HONORS-Ryan Bailey, Caitlin Ballard, Bruce Benoit, Bradley Brown, Paige McGuinness, Emily Mills, Kelsey Ottman, Jonathan Spencer, Asa Sproul, and Alana Worster.

EIGHTH GRADE-HONORS-Dawn Bubar, Michelle Bucci, Ashley Burch, Catrina Comeau, Jenny Comeau, Rachel Emery, Shelby Fowles, Morgan Hall, Ethan Herrell, Kiel Larson, Sara Lemik, Jesse McLaughlin, Kyle Murphy, and Richie Russell.

SEVENTH GRADE-HONORS-Carolyn Bess, Ricky Bradeen, Bryan Russell, and Sadie Zambrano.

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER

February 1992

13-Sunny-24° at noon.

14-Sunny windy-36° at noon.

15-Sunny am Cloudy pm snow started.

16-6 in. snow dusting of snow pm.

17 & 18-Sunny-44° at noon.

19-Snow in night. Cloudy foggy-50° at noon.

Editor's Note:

Previous issues of the *Three Rivers News* are available for viewing by going to www.trcmaine.org, clicking on Three Rivers News on the left side of the page, and then clicking on "Archives " at the top. Some of the issues are in PDF format and require Adobe Acrobat.

Weight Watchers at Work

MSAD #41's Wellness Team is sponsoring an Open House to discuss the possibility of bringing the Weight Watchers at Work program back to our area. Open House will be held on February 28th at Milo Elementary School at 3:00 p.m. The cost of the 12-week program is still \$139.00 payable up front by check (can post date three checks), cash or credit card. The group will be meeting weekly for weigh in and helpful tips on healthy eating.

Come and hear all about it on February 28th! If you have questions you can call Sue Chaffee at 943-2122.

Move and Improve

Are you a couch potato? Winter doldrums got you in a slump? Is your best exercise sitting in front of the TV operating the remote control? If your answer is "yes!" you need to Move & Improve with MSAD #41. The annual Move & Improve Program sponsored by EMMC is a great way to get moving and have some fun with other participants at the same time!

There is no charge to participate, only a willingness to commit to 30 minutes of activity 4 times a week, or 45 minutes 5 times a week for 10 out of 12 weeks. If you have on-line access to the M & I website you can enter there, or you can keep track with an Activity Log (available from me or on-line) at home and submit your goal completion at the end of the program. Participants who enter their completion are eligible for cash prizes at program's end. All elementary children are entered as part of the site and will be asking parents to help them meet their goal. Two years ago our elementary children won \$500.00 which was used to purchase six bicycles and helmets for prize drawings.

You may register on-line by going to www.moveandimprove.org. Click on registration and follow their instructions. If you do not have access to a computer I can register for you. If you have any problems with registration I might be able to help. Feel free to call me at 943-2122, if I'm not available please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Make sure you choose MSAD #41 as your site so that we can participate together! You can do it! Remember...healthy people make healthy communities, families and companies. Sue Chaffee MSAD #41 M & I Site Coordinator

Milo Free Public Library News

Judith Macdougall

I must correct a mistaken date in last week's column. The library will be closed on February 20 not February 27 as I had mistakenly typed at the end of last week's column.

The library has been given several donations this week. We received a hard cover book and an audio cassette of the story by Rich Shapero-Wild Animus, a novel. The audio is read by Peter Coyote. In this provocative first novel a young man rejects a normal life to follow a wild inner calling. The story takes place on the unforgiving ridges of Mt. Wrangell in Alaska. Patrons can read this book for themselves or listen to it with the audio option.

We have also started to receive our subscription to Quiltmaker magazine. The subscription has been given to the library by Lysa and Sam Hummel. Lysa visits our library off and on through the year and has given us two other magazine subscriptions--E-the Environmental magazine and Nickelodeon, which has been popular with the youngsters. Quiltmaker is a colorful magazine with exciting quilt patterns. I hope this will be an interesting magazine for you quilt makers out there. I haven't made a quilt in 8 years (not since I discovered scrapbooking), but I saw a quilt pattern in the Dec./Jan issue that really interested me.

The library also received another donation of audio tapes this past week. They were given by Minira Brown whose husband, Nelson, had enjoyed them while he was in the nursing home. Among these titles are many westerns which will make a great addition to our audio collection. Nelson was a western lover and donated his very extensive collection of Louis L'Amour books to the library over 20 years ago. They have been very popular ever since and many patrons have been grateful to Nelson for his generosity.

These new audio titles should also be of interest to our patrons.

BEST OF WESTERNS including:-

The Virginian
Desert Death Song
Trap of Gold
Pistolero
Frontier Stories
The Old West

Evans, Nicholas	THE LOOP
Grisham, John	THE RUNAWAY JURY
L'Amour, Louis	THE TRAIL TO PEACH MEADOW CANYON
Marcinki, Richard	ROGUE WARRIERS-TASK FORCE BLUE

FOUR BY L'AMOUR:-

No Man's Land
Get Out of Town
McQueen of the Tumbling K
Booty for a Badman

Melissa Hill will hold her Preschool Story Time on Monday, February 27, the 4th Monday of the month. This is a wonderful chance for preschoolers to get together for a delightful hour of stories, songs and a simple craft. All preschoolers are welcome. Caregivers are expected to stay. Remember Monday, February 27 from 3:30-4:30.

We have received more income tax forms and now have quite a collection. We have a large book of reproducible forms too. In fact, so large, it is almost unbelievable! Wasn't there some talk once of simplifying income tax? It certainly hasn't been done yet. We can also photocopy any of the forms that patrons might want.

Before I sign off this column, I would like to announce the library will have Fines Free Weeks from **February 13-March 4**. During those weeks there will be no fees on overdue books. Look around the house and ask your children if they have any overdue books. This is a good time to return those overdue books to the library.

**Please note the Library will be Closed on Monday,
February 20th In Observance of Presidents' 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 Valentine's Day friends and readers. I am running a column that was in the Three River's News four years

ago. It doesn't seem possible that that much time has gone by. I loved this column that told a story of my grandmother (whom I adored). It also holds a recipe that I have always loved. So.....here goes. Dejavu all over again!!

Valentine's Day is such a wonderful time to tell the people closest to you how much you love them. I once read an article that told about writing love letters to your children, grandchildren, parents, husband, whoever! It gave you a chance to say endearing things to them without embarrassment on their part or on your part. The article went on to say that you should tell them in the love letter just exactly what it is that endears them to you. By doing so, you are not only pointing out their good qualities, but building their self-esteem as well. I took the author's advice and wrote the love letters to my husband and children...indeed I was shocked by my shyness in giving the letters, but not shocked that my children and husband were equally shy about receiving them. We just don't share those love lines often enough. We appreciate our husbands for all they do...even if they sometimes do tend to watch a little too much T.V. (Hey, they could be out carousing somewhere - but they're not!) We love and adore our children...even if they do pay us "lip service" instead of fessing up to the whole truth sometimes. (Hey, they could be out dealing and doing drugs - but they're not!) Writing those letters of love might be the hardest assignment you'll ever get, but the self-satisfaction that you get from getting them written will be worth the effort. You might say, "But that's what greeting cards are for - to say the things that we can't put into words ourselves." This is true...but getting a greeting card either store bought or homemade with a love letter tucked inside has got to be one of the greatest rushes of your life.

I've always tried to do something special for my family on Valentine's Day. Some years I can afford to do more for them than others, but Valentine's Day is a holiday. It's a reason to celebrate. It's a chance to form traditions with the ones that you love. I have items ready to be shipped to Scotland for my little granddaughters who live over there; Valentine cards, stuffed bears who kiss by way of magnets implanted in their lips, Barbie candy hearts, and books, both to read and to do activities in. My grandkids have already dubbed me the "Book Nannie." No matter what the occasion, they always plan on books from me. My grandchildren who live just across town will get the same...but they will probably have the added pleasure of getting something home baked to go with their cards, candy and books.

Valentines cakes are a wonderful treat to make your family on the big day. I'm thinking that my grandmother must have started the tradition when her brood of children started moving away from home and having big families of their own. It would have been hard for Nana to do individual valentine cards for all of her children and grandchildren (she had 10 kids of her own, and 25 grandchildren. 20 of her grandchildren were born within 7 years from the end of WWII.) I imagine that she probably thought, "I'll make each family a pretty cake, that will have to be good enough." God love her heart, I attribute lots of the family traditions that I hold dear to this precious little lady, who kept a huge family (that was spread out over several counties) closer than anyone could imagine. In any case, Mom had to have gotten that idea from someone, as she always made us Valentine's cakes.

I got this recipe from Connie Clement several years ago. Her darling daughter makes this cake for my husband and me on very special occasions.

Two Egg Treasure Cake

2 cups of flour
1-1/3 cups sugar
2-1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup milk
1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
2 eggs unbeaten

Sift the first 4 ingredients into a bowl. Cut in the shortening. Add the milk and vanilla and beat. Add the eggs and beat again. Bake in a 375 degree oven. This is where the

instructions stop. I will tell you that this is a small two layer cake. For Valentines Day or for an anniversary cake I would put the batter in 2 - 8" heart shaped pans that have been well greased and floured. I would bake them for approximately 30 minutes...checking for doneness by inserting a wooden pick in the center (and hoping that it came out clean!!) If they need some extra time...check in 5-minute increments. Like most cakes, you will want to let the cakes sit in the pans on cake racks for about 15 minutes before turning out on the racks to finish cooling.

This cake is frosted with a plain white frosting and then sprinkled all over with coconut. it makes a very festive and beautiful fancy-occasion dessert. My family loves my plain white frosting. I put 1/4 cup of shortening in a bowl with 1/2 a box of confectionery sugar. I cut these two together either with a pastry cutter or two knives slicing crisscrossed about 100 times until the shortening and sugar are all incorporated. I add 1 tsp of almond extract (vanilla if you don't like almond) and then I start adding milk, beginning with a tablespoon full and beating and adding about a tsp. at a time until you get it a spreading consistency. If you make your frosting with the almond extract you will have perfectly white frosting. You can mix up another little batch, if necessary to finish the job, and not have to worry about it being a different color. I have two beautiful pedestal cake plates that were gifts to me from my mother-in-law and my mother. They make for a beautiful presentation, and my kids know that if I don't get the plates back after the cake is gone, they might not get another cake!! Remember to frost between the layers (If you think they might need some extra help staying together, use toothpicks and warn recipients that the toothpicks are there!) Frost the top and around the sides of the cake and then working quickly sprinkle on the coconut and pat it around the sides to completely cover the cake.

Whether you pick Two-Egg Treasure Cake to give us a loving Valentine gift or not, be sure to do something wonderful for your beloved on Valentine's Day. They will bless you in return many times over.

As an amendment I want to say that my little granddaughters don't live in Scotland anymore. They live right here in Maine. Their cards are going in the mail today.

FLOYD C. JOSLYN

BROWNVILLE JUNCTION Floyd C. Joslyn, 79, passed away Feb. 10, 2006. He was born May 19, 1926. He worked many years as a woodsman and retired from Brownville Public Works Department. He enjoyed many days on his four-wheeler, going hunting, fishing and looking for deer and turkeys, all after he headed to JD's for a hearty breakfast. He is survived by his children, Gordon, Bonnie, Bette, Lisa and Stacy; his brothers, Maurice, Neil, Robert; and sister, Pauline. He will be remembered by all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, especially by his "poker buddy," Kristyn. He will also be remembered by all his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Louise; his son, Stephen; brothers, Gordon, Wendell, Carl, Howard and Donald; and his sisters, Faye and Etta. ...

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PENQUIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Section I NAME: The organization shall be known as the Penquis Valley High School Alumni Association, located in (the area consisting of MSAD #41) or ?????? _____. Membership eligibility will consist of any person who attended the Penquis Valley High School (to include faculty _____ and _____ staff).

Section II PURPOSE: The purpose of the Penquis Valley High School Alumni Association is to provide a continuing means of communication and fellowship between alumni and to support the educational efforts of parents and present or past students.

Section III Officers: The officers of the Association shall be elected by a plurality vote of members present (see section IV) at the annual meeting. All officers are elected for one year terms and their duties shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT: The president shall call all meetings of the officers and shall preside over all meetings of the Association that occur during the tenure of the president unless unable to do so. The President shall make such arrangements as necessary for programs, activities, banquet, annual meeting, and projects of the Association directly or through delegation of responsibilities, as approved by the officers or voted by the membership.

VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall preside at called meetings of the officers of the Association in the absence of the President, and shall perform such other duties as designated by the President. In the event of resignation, disability, or death of the President, he or she shall succeed the President for the duration of the term.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep, maintain, and pass on to any successor a complete set of minutes of meetings of the officers and the membership, together with significant correspondence or other records of the Association, except for the records of the Treasurer. The Secretary shall make written and / or oral reports to the officers and members of such minutes as requested by the President at any meeting of the officers or the membership.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive all monies accruing to the Association, shall duly record all receipts and expenditures, shall keep and maintain the financial books of the Association, and shall disburse funds only as authorized by vote of the officers of the Association, or by the membership as a whole, as indicated (see section V), such vote to be recorded by the Secretary in the appropriate minutes, and noted by the Treasurer in the financial records.

SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON: The Scholarship Chairperson shall solicit the membership for donations to the Penquis Valley High School Alumni Scholarship Fund; shall solicit any other appropriate sources of funds or accept such funds from eleemosynary donors; shall deposit all funds collected through the Treasurer of the Association; shall nominate no less than two other members of the Association to constitute, with the Chairperson a Scholarship Committee, such members to be approved by the officers of the Association, to carry out a selection process of possible scholarship recipients from the graduating class of Penquis Valley High School, or in continuing support of a student in higher education who is a graduate of Penquis Valley High School. The Scholarship Chairperson shall present the names of recipients to the officers in an order of priority for final approval, and shall announce such awards at the appropriate time and place as determined by the Scholarship Chairperson and the Principal of Penquis Valley High School.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON: (need a description of duties)
PAST PRESIDENT: The Past President shall be the immediate past president of the Association and shall be an officer of the Association for the first year only after having served as President, in order to provide greater assurance that the objectives of the Association, and particularly any projects started or continued during his or her tenure as President may be given continuity, although this provision in no way limits the prerogatives of the current officers.

Section IV ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The President shall appoint a nominating committee which shall construct a slate of officers for the ensuing year. This slate of officers shall be presented to the membership at the annual meeting by the chairperson of the nominating committee or by another member as designated by the chairperson. Further nominations may be taken from the floor for any office. In the event of competing nominations, voting shall be by secret ballot for such officers as may have two or more people as candidates. Elections shall be decided by plurality vote for any office. Duly elected officers assume their position at the close of the annual meeting.

Section V MEETINGS: Meetings of the Association shall be called by the President at a time and place approved by at least three of the seven officers of the Association. A quorum of a meeting for officers shall be four of the officers. There shall be at least a five day notice given for a regular meeting of officers. An emergency meeting of officer may be called with approval of at least three of the officers with a quorum of four necessary for any decision to made, and such meeting must have no less than a six hour notice to all officers, with the exception of any officer who cannot be notified because said officer is not at residence or place of business or reasonably available prior to six hours before the meeting.

There shall be no less than a one month notice of the Annual Meeting of the Association by mail to the membership and by other means as deemed advisable by the officers of the Association of such meeting. The agenda of the business meeting of the Association shall be determined by the officers and all motions seconded shall be voted and carried by a simple majority of votes of members present. All meetings of the Association shall be conducted under provisions of Robert's Rules of Order. Any matters which may have significant effect upon perpetuity of the Association or which may bind the Association to continuing financial obligations or which may dispose of assets of the Association shall be brought to the membership at the time of the Annual Meeting for disposition.

Section VI MEMBERSHIP DUES: Membership dues shall be set at the annual meeting. The initial membership dues shall be \$5.00 and shall be payable at the time of the first annual meeting.

Section VII DISSOLUTION: The Penquis Valley High School Alumni Association may be dissolved by a two-thirds vote of those present at any annual business meeting, and shall be dissolved without action by the members if an annual meeting is not held for three consecutive years. In the event of dissolution, all monies held by the Association at the time of dissolution shall be turned over to that public high school which Penquis Valley High Students shall at that time be attending, to be used to purchase equipment for the school, or to be disbursed in the form of scholarships.

Section VIII AMENDMENTS: Amendments to these BY-LAWS shall be by a majority vote at annual meetings on Proposed Amendments which will have been sent to the membership no later than the notification of the time of the annual meeting. Such Proposed Amendments may be made by the officers of the Association or by a petition of twenty members prior to notification of the annual meeting. Items to consider:

Membership Directory - cost - included in cost of membership?

We will need a sign-up sheet. Individuals may elect to not make their address public except for the newsletter or may elect to have it published in the Membership Directory. Should also consider email address (would be less expensive to send out directory).

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS NEWS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meets at The Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30 to eat breakfast, enjoy fellowship, hear speakers on various interesting topics, and to share ideas. All are welcome to visit with us. If you would like to join our organization, please contact Dorothy Brown or any other Kiwanian for an application. Please join us to help serve our children and local community.

FEBRUARY 8, 2006 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Chris Beres greeted seventeen members, seven guests and two Key Club members. Roger Taylor introduced the Orono/Old Town Kiwanis members and Doc Sherman from the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis introduced three members of the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Club. Kayla Bailey and Haley Flanders were our two Key Club members present for breakfast today.

Eben DeWitt led us in the flag salute. The prayer was given by Herb Dunham, praying for guidance in these difficult times, also realizing that there is good in the world, too. And he also asked for special prayers for all of our military men and women wherever they may be.

Don Harris read the inspirational reading for today.

Correspondence today consisted of the Orono/Old Town Kiwanis Newsletter and the newsletter from Dover-Foxcroft.

No Birthday or anniversaries were noted for this week; however, we celebrate with member Carl Wilson and his wife, Sophie, who are the proud parents of a baby girl, Eleni, born on Feb. 3.

Happy and sad dollars were donated for Frank Cochrane's safe return from California, concern for Steve Dunham, the three narrowbacks from D-F, the new Wilson baby, Frank showing up for Key Club a day late, being back, the funds raised by the Maine Savings bank for the local food cupboard, the Orono/Old Town interclub, daughter Lori's induction into the Orono/Old Town Kiwanis last night, and for a daughter in Detroit during the Super Bowl but in the airport and not the game.

Reports:

Interclub: Chris Almy reported on the upcoming interclub to be held at Dover-Foxcroft next week. Chris, Jan, George and Eben and Herb are planning on attending. Chris reported that there was an interclub at PVHS on Thursday, Feb. 2. Val, Chris, Dottie, Jeff and Paul were in attendance.

Key Club: Paul Grindle reported that last night was the last home game at PVHS. Food sales were brisk and they actually ran out of food. Good going, team! Paul noted that there are now 38 paid members of the PVHS Key Club.

Joe Zamboni updated members on the progress of the Canoe Race for July. A website will soon be ready to advertise and provide information on the canoe race.

Joe and Murrel also discussed the auction to be held in June. We will need to be thinking about pick-ups of donated items. Area residents are urged to call Murrel Harris or Joe Zamboni for pick-ups.

Murrel advises that the 100th anniversary committee will be meeting on Feb. 9th to plan for the Milo Fire Dept. Parade in July.

President Chris reminded members that tomorrow morning is the meeting of the Kiwanis Board at 6:30 am. Members are invited to attend. Many items of interest are planned for discussion.

Herb Dunham introduced our guest speaker, his granddaughter Melissa Hill.

Melissa gave an interesting talk on the progress of setting in motion a pre-school reading program at the Milo Public Library. Currently, there are approximately 8-9 children attending the reading program one day a month. She would like to see an increase in the days that the children are at the library. With the possible addition of another volunteer to assist her she could consider adding more days to the program. Melissa stated that the set-up at the library is just wonderful for the little folks and she is hoping that more parents/grandparents will consider enrolling their children in a fun time of reading and making simple crafts.

Melissa thanked the Kiwanis members for their generous support.

Thank you, Melissa for providing us with an update of the library doings of our pre-school children.

Feb 15th: Will be the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Brown, secretary.

Valerie Jean's Italian Bistro.

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Come and see what all the talk is about and taste some of the best food this side of Rome.

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