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CHICKEN PIE SUPPER BROWNVILLE JCT. METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 29, 2006 5 P.M.

ADULTS \$6.50 CHILDREN \$3.00

MILO FIRE DEPT 100TH CELEBRATION COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING

Wednesday, April 12th @ 6:30 pm @ the Milo Town Hall.

Mark your calendars for July 21, 22 & 23 as the Milo Fire Dept celebrates 100 years of service. Events that have been scheduled

include a doll carriage/bike parade Friday night, huge parade Saturday @ 10:00 am along with street vendors, Tennis Tourney,

Street dance @ Milo Farmers Union Saturday night featuring "Rivertown" and "Spilt Milk".

Sunday starts off with a Golf Tourney, Canoe race at 10:00, barbecue in the afternoon, and fireworks in the evening with a lighted boat parade. Anyone interested please come to the meeting. Fund raising ideas welcomed.

Donations can be made @ the Milo Town Office, PO Box 218, Milo ME 04463

Fire Dept's, Businesses, Organizations or Individuals get your floats ready for the huge parade!

The Flags Of Milo Fly Again



Traveling North on Route 16 into the town of Milo, visitors and residents alike are greeted by a tunnel of American flags. The flags, hung on utility poles along each side of the road, herald the beginning of the American Legion Post No. 41's flag sponsorship campaign for 2006.

The campaign, named "Operation Red, White, and Blue", began just two weeks before Memorial Day in 2005. When the sponsorship program ended, over 200 flags had been sponsored and hung throughout the town. This was accomplished through the dedication and hard work of the American Legion members, the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, and members from the local SOAR chapter as well. The original idea behind the flag campaign was as a way to promote a sense of Americanism and show the Patriotism in the town of Milo. The community response was outstanding and showed a true sense of American pride throughout the town. The plan for the flags last year was to fly them until the 4th of July, at which time they would be removed and stored to save on wear and tear. Popular demand changed that sentiment and the flags flew until Labor Day. Even at that time the removal of the flags was met with some resistance. One resident called the police and reported the flag in front of their home as stolen. Another resident missed the flag in front of her home so much that she bought one and placed it in the Legion flag holder on the utility post, where it has flown since.

This year many people in the community have contacted the American Legion inquiring when the flags would be flying again. As a result, the flags have begun to fly as of last week. Milo resident Kathy West is very happy that the flag which hangs on the utility pole outside her home is flying once again. "I can see the flag from my kitchen window", she states, "and every time I look at that flag, I know that somewhere out there, at this very moment in time, there is a person fighting in the name of the freedoms that our flag stands for." she went on to state, "I don't even know if I can use the right words to describe the beauty it brings to my heart." Michelle Lemik, president of the local SOAR chapter, a nonprofit organization to support our troops, has a very personal affiliation with the program. "My son, Dan, is stationed in a red zone in Iraq." She stated, "He is part of the 101st Airborne. Every time I see the flags I feel such pride for all that our service people are doing and it makes me happy to be a part of a community that supports our troops in such a manner." This year Randall Kluj, the Commander of Post No. 41 hopes to have at least 400 flags flying by this Memorial Day. If you would like information on how to show your support for this program, or to sponsor a flag, call the American Legion Post No. 41 at 943-2542.

PIE SALE



Park Street UMC is having a pie sale on
Saturday April 15th from 10 AM to 12 noon.

There will
be at least 15 different kinds of homemade pies along
with homemade yeast bread and rolls and fruitcake
available. Stop by and take home a homemade pie for
Easter Dinner.



There will be an Ecumenical Sunrise Service on
Easter Sunday, April 16, 2006 at the Milo
Elementary

School parking lot at 6:00 AM. In the event of rain
the service will be held at the Park Street UMC. There
will be an Easter breakfast served at Park Street UMC
at 7:00 AM following the Sunrise Service. Come and
welcome the Risen Lord with us.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

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WANTED:

Reporter for Three Rivers News

We would like to add more local news to the newspaper. We are looking for a volunteer reporter to cover meetings, community activities, etc. News items would need to be e-mailed to Val Robertson or Nancy Grant, our editors. Please contact Val, Nancy or Chris Beres if you would be interested in doing this.

REMINDER:

It is only a few months until the Kiwanis Auction. If you have items that you wish to give to the auction, you can arrange to have them picked up now. You can call Murrel Harris at 943-7326 or Joe Zamboni at 943-2271.

All auction proceeds go to serve the children and families in our community.

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!



Sebec - Saturday, April 15th there will be a Music Night at the Reading Room in Sebec Village featuring Vintage Country. Starts at 7:00 pm. Come enjoy some good old time and newer country music.

On Sunday, April 16th, Come join us at Valerie Jean's for Easter Dinner.

We'll be sewing

From 12 noon-4 pm (reservations only)

Three course meal for \$21.95

1st Course: Crab Bisque or Baby Spinach Salad

Entrée: Roasted Spring Lamb, Grilled Ham Steak, Shrimpie Haddock, or Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo

Dessert: Carrot Cake, Ice Cream Puff with hot fudge, Flourless Chocolate Torte, or Blueberry Cheesecake

Call us soon at 943-7470

ATTENTION: ALL BROWNVILLE JUNCTION HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI AND SPOUSES CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE ON MEMBERSHIP POLICY FOR BROWNVILLE JUNCTION ALUMNI SPOUSES OF DECEASED MEMBERS.

During the BJHS Alumni business meeting of August 2005, a motion was made and accepted to open BJHS Alumni membership to any/all men and women who are spouses of deceased BJHS Alumni, as well as all graduates. (Reference: Alumni meeting minute's approval of 9/05)

Throughout the years so many members within our community have supported our association and upon the death of his/her spouse, and then were no longer an integral part of our organization.

We truly have appreciated all of your support throughout the years and invite you to contact: Linda Coburn, BJHS Alumni Treasurer @ (401) 965-8421. The dues are \$10.00 per year.

Sorry this has taken so long to go into effect.

Did you also know that scholarships are annually available for the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of members of the BJHS Alumni Association?

Applications are available from Mrs. Coburn.

QUILT DOCUMENTATION DAY SUNDAY MAY 7, 2006 10AM-2PM BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sponsored by the Monday Morning Quilters of Brownville Jct.,
Maine

This is your opportunity to have your heirloom or antique quilt officially documented. Wendy Reed and Cyndi Black will be at the school to represent the Maine Quilt Heritage. The Maine Quilt Heritage is a committee of the Pine Tree Quilters Guild. It was established in 1987 for the purpose of preserving our quilt heritage in the state of Maine. Owners will bring their quilts to the Documentation Day for physical analysis by Wendy and Cyndi. A record will be made of the quilt, its known ownership and the date or era in which the quilt was made. Photographs will be taken for documentation purposes. A documentation certificate will be attached to the quilt and it will join over 2000 other quilts on record in the archives of the Maine Quilt Heritage.

Since time is limited, please call 965-8797 for an appointment. These appointments will be given at 15 min. intervals.

Sebec - Saturday, April 22nd there will be a benefit Turkey supper with all the fixings, for Pastor Isaiah and Laurene Hill. This is to help with medical expenses. It will be at the Town Hall/Fire Station on the North Rd. in Sebec from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.



Barry Dana, former chief of the Penobscot Nation (2000-2004) visited Brownville Elementary School on Friday, March 31. He spent the day giving classroom workshops to each grade level, demonstrating and teaching students multiple aspects of Penobscot and Wabanaki cultures- both past and present. Barry brought with him a birch bark wigwam, moose hide drums, talking sticks and root clubs, birch bark moose caller, baskets, and much more!

Barry's enthusiasm and genuine interest in children created a memorable and educational learning experience for all of our students and staff during his visit.

The annual Brownville History Day at Brownville Elementary School is April 11. Any interested guests are invited to come and view the student's projects. You may also stay for the ceremonies during lunch beginning at 11:30. Please call ahead to order your lunch which will be \$2.75. The phone number for the school is 965-8184. You may also contact William Sawtell for more information.



On April Fools Day, Chris Cowing took a group of peewee players down to Calais for a 2 day tournament. Front Row: Trevor Lyford, Austin Fogg, Tyler Pelletier, George Cowing and Cody Cobb Back row: Coach Cowing, Greg Hathorn, Skylar Beard, Klay Stevens, Devon Armstrong, Isaiah Bess and Shane Emery.

The Penquis team had 4 games total and played very well but just couldn't capture a win. They played Calais, Orrington, and Winterport and on Sunday they played a very close game against Bar Harbor. This was the first time they had every played together and they did a fantastic job representing our area. Some of the teams we played against had played as many as 50 games they have played together. All in all, I think everyone had a great weekend and a lot of fun. Thank you Coach Cowing for all you did.



Coach Cowing sizes things up! The boys had to be at Calais High School at 7:15 to pick up their uniforms for an 8:00 a.m. game vs. Calais.....our team held their own and made a 9-5 run on Calais to get to within 2 points in the third quarter but would end up losing 28-21.



Klay Stevens calls for the ball inside against a Winterport defender. On the right is Tyler Pelletier getting ready to run the offense.

Coach Cowing putting in Skylar Beard. Next to Chris is Austin Fogg, Cody Cobb, Klay Stevens, Trevor Lyford (chewing his fingernails) and on the end Isaiah Bess.



After a long day of basketball, 3 games to be exact, the boys got their money's worth at the Calais Motor Inn with just the pool alone. In the picture are Devon Armstrong, Skylar Beard, Trevor Lyford, Shane Emery, Isaiah Bess, Klay Stevens and George Cowing.



Two LaGrange boys were in just as soon as the ice had all melted and that was as of that morning.....it was freezing, but they had to stay in long enough to PROVE they were in this early, which turns out to be about a month ahead of last year. BRRR....The two were Justin Ottmann, first one in and Trevor Lyford right behind him.....they even went UNDER.



Learning About Planets



The students in Mrs. Carter's Grades 2 and 3 class displayed their projects about the planets. The class also presented a play, "The Planet Parade" and the song, "The Family of the Sun." The show was well attended by parents,

students and staff members. The students did a fantastic job. We learned a tremendous amount about the planets and the sun.



Justin Baker, Sha-Lynn Trafton and Laura Gray were honored as



Terrific Kids at our April 7th assembly. Miss Brown said that Justin is always terrific. He has been pushing himself to try new things. He is sounding out new words. Justin is a super listener. Mrs. Carter is very proud of Sha-Lynn did a wonderful job learning her lines for the class play. She is an outstanding actor. Sha-Lynn always does her homework and has her planner signed. Miss K. said that Laura is always a Terrific Kid. She completes all of her assignments neatly and on time. Laura is a role model for our class and school.

Birthday Wishes to Kyle Morris 8 years Bus Students: Amber, Sha-Lynn and Kortnie Book It Awards (For meeting their goals every month): Cassidy Parker, Rachael Baker and Trevor Lyford

Move and Improve Prize Winners: Lindsay, Kortnie, Rebecca, Taylor, Haley M., Mrs. Lee. Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Harmony, Sha-Lynn, Billy, Codie, and Sophia Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.

Please remember April 13th, Thursday, at 6 pm when the Milo Elementary PTO will hold a meeting at the school. Upcoming activities and events will be discussed. Please come and share your ideas for the rest of this year and next. Even if you just want to listen; here's your chance to get out of the house and talk to other adults! See you there.

Our area has a long and proud history of showing support for our men and women serving in the military. One organization that was active for many years is the Derby Mothers Service Club. The following is a reprint from *The Town Crier* from October 31, 1991.

DERBY MOTHERS SERVICE CLUB HISTORY

By Avis Spear

In 1944 there were many boys going into the service from Derby so some of the mothers got together and talked of what they could do for the boys to show their love and appreciation and also boost their morale.

A club was formed by two mothers, Anne Paul and Gladys Ricker Murray. Mrs. Paul is now deceased and Mrs. Murray is in a nursing home in Stillwater.

The club was named "Derby Mother Service Club". As a boy went into the service their mother was contacted and invited to join. The fee at that time was 50 a year.

From 1944 through 1957, Mrs. Paul had eight sons enter the service and from 1951 through 1965, Mrs. Edith Rideout had seven sons in service.

It was a very trying time for all the mothers as there was a war on. My two older sons were sent to Korea right out of Basic Training. The younger one was wounded on the battle field and was flown to Fort Devens hospital where he remained for some time. The older son was rushed to Togus on his return by Dr. Bundy's orders.

Grace Collins served as Secretary from 1944 to 1948. Blanche Smart served as secretary from 1948 until her death in 1986. Hilda Morrill and I have served from then on. Hilda still holds the position.

Thirty seven members joined at the beginning and 76 boys were served from 1944 to 1948. The club has sponsored 247 boys in the last 47 years and we have received many Thank You cards and letters from them.

Each boy received a Basic gift and letter as they entered the service. Each boy was remembered with a birthday card and a small gift. They also received baked foods, homemade candies and fudge from time to time. They also received discharge money. We sent our boys Christmas boxes containing useful things. The last few years we sent Christmas cards and a gift of money.

The club members have done many things to earn money to sponsor our boys, such as putting on public dinners, rummage sales, food sales, making and selling quilts, and taking orders and selling Christmas cards. We also put on dinners for the Bangor and Aroostook staff once or twice a year for quite a time. The money thus earned all went into the club treasury and was put to good use. The club made donations from time to time to different organizations, the ambulance and hospital fund, etc. We also kept an emergency fund. We sponsored several students in the Milo High School.

A member, Thelma Ingerson, gave us a club motto which she composed in 1949 – LIFT. It stands for Love one another, Inspiration to do good, Faith in God, and Truthful in all things. We all repeat the motto at our meetings.

The club started in meeting on a Tuesday in 1944 and we continue to do so. The anniversary dinners of the club are also held on Tuesday.

We have 3 honorary members and one Gold Star Mother, Mildred King. She is 90 years old and still is an active member. She and I joined the club in 1950. We both have been members for 41 years.

One of our honorary members is Alvina Cyr who is 98 years old and still lives alone in Derby. She still continues to knit and crochet afghans and lap robes for Togus and says she likes to keep her fingers nimble. She laments about her not being able to attend club and work with us. We do miss her coming as she is so jolly and full of fun and has a great sense of humor. Her philosophy is "The longer I live, the longer I want to live".

We celebrate our club anniversary by going out to eat together. This year, on August 27th we had two older members join us at Angie's Restaurant, Rose LaPoint Moulton from Eliot, Maine and Helen McDonald of Milo and California.

We enjoy our Christmas dinners and exchange of gifts every year. We have auctions and a mystery prize each meeting. When a member is ill they are remembered with flowers and flowers are sent in case of a death.

Seven of our boys are now deceased as are 38 of our members. The latest one, Marion Williams, died September 30th. She was an inspiration and helped the club in many ways. She served as club President for 8 years.

We've had 17 club presidents, the latest one being Rebecca Kinney who has held that position for 10 years. She is to be congratulated on her kind and faithful service.

We now have 10 boys in service and 10 members in our club. We are still hanging in and doing what we can. We're only making baby quilts to sell now. We have had to discontinue doing many things much to our regret.

Each member is remembered with cards and a special cake for her birthday made by a member. We enjoy our pot luck dinners and have a good social hour after our meetings in each others' homes.

THE MILO ELEMENTARY PTO APRIL RAFFLE

Winners for the first week of the month are: Louise Rhoda, Robert Brown, Bev Sevey, Vicki Matthews, Derek Pennington, Bryan Osgood, and Bryan Osgood. These lucky people had their names drawn by helpful students Colin Beckett, Chip Garland, Devon Cuthbertson, Dominic Mushero, and Rebecca Mazcy. Ben Tarnoczy and Trystin McLeod chose weekend winners Eva Young and Patti Lyford. Winners' names are returned to the raffle for another opportunity to be drawn during the remaining weeks of April.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Just when we thought we were going to have an early spring, we were surprised by snow this week. What a revolting development! Checking my diary, I noticed the last snow we had that stayed on the ground was March 9 when we got two heavy wet inches.

The Kiwanis Kids Korner took place once again on Wednesday. I worried about the "Kids" walking down from school in snow, but the snow was long gone by the time they set out. Val had to be away and Frank was ill, so Don Harris and Dottie Brown pitched in to continue the after school event. Don and Dottie have been faithful helpers at most Kiwanis Kids sessions so the children were very familiar with them. Key Club members Nicole Carey, Brittney Newburt, Katie Patten, Kristin Robinson and Cheryl Roesing were on hand to help as were interested youngsters Macy Carey and Theresa Karpowicz. Eric McLeod, a parent, was also on hand to help.

Don Harris read Farfallina and Marcel by Holly Keller to the group as they enjoyed juice boxes, and healthy whole wheat crackers and nutrigrain bars. Farfallina and Marcel is the story of a friendship between a caterpillar and a gosling. However, change comes into their relationship, and Farfallina retreats into her cocoon to emerge weeks later in a very different form as a butterfly Marcel does not have such an amazing change but does become a large goose. When the two friends see each other again, they do not recognize each other at first, but when they do, their friendship is just as warm as ever, and in the fall they migrate south "together".

The craft was psychedelic bookmarks and scratch paper. The youngsters and older teen helpers all enjoyed scratching off the black covering as a way to make very colorful designs on their bookmarks. The scratch paper was a fun sheet allowing the "Kids" to do some creations of their own.

On Monday we received another batch of new adult books. Many of you will recognize familiar authors on this list. The books are all processed and ready to circulate.

Albert, Susan Wittig	BLEEDING HEARTS
Berg, Elizabeth	WE ARE ALL WELCOME HERE
Chesney, Marion	OUR LADY OF PAIN
Child, Julia NF	MY LIFE IN FRANCE
Clark, Mary Higgins	TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE
Daheim, Mary	THE ALPINE RECLUSE (Emma Lord)
Gruber, Michael	NIGHT OF THE JAGUAR
Hart, Carolyn	DEAD DAYS OF SUMMER (Death on Demand)
Henry, Sue	THE TOOTH OF TIME (Maxie & Stretch)
Kava, Alex	NECESSARY EVIL
Kellerman, Jonathan	GONE
Perry, Anne	DARK ASSASSIN
Peters, Elizabeth	TOMB OF THE GOLDEN BIRD (Amelia Peabody)
Picoult, Jodi	THE TENTH CIRCLE (# 1 on the Best Seller List now)

Melissa Hill will be presenting the PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR on April 24 at the library. All preschoolers are welcome. Bring your preschoolers for a delightful hour of story, songs and craft. Remember APRIL 24 from 3:30-4:30 for preschool fun.

Please note:-The Library will be closed on MONDAY, APRIL 17TH

In Observance Of PATRIOTS DAY

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

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathryn Witham

The other day I took a stroll through Shaw's in Dover Foxcroft. I was wheeling a basket....with full intentions of picking up things that I can't find here in Milo when I grocery shop. I'm a very loyal Milo shopper.... the price of gas factored into your grocery bill pretty much makes it just as cheap to shop right here in

town for groceries. But, for things that you can't get in Milo, I don't hesitate to shop elsewhere.

I like fresh herbs! If everyone would get in the habit of cooking with fresh herbs....we'd be able to get them here in Milo....all the time! My herb garden didn't make it through the winter. I'll try again this year and hopefully be more successful. I did manage to salvage my rosemary and keep a sprig of it growing all year....and that, in itself, has been very exciting. I found a huge bunch of fresh parsley in Dover, but couldn't find fresh basil. We love basil....in all kinds of things...and that will be the herb that I will concentrate on this year. You can almost always get fresh parsley in the store....but basil is so much harder to find. I think it's because so many people love fresh basil that they buy it right up as soon as it appears on the shelves. They obviously get to the store earlier in the day than I do!

Another thing we love, but can't get in Milo, is risotto. Risotto is Italian rice. Italian rice? There is lots of speculation about whether it's a rice or pasta....being as how it's Italian. The label says its rice. They sell it in bulk type containers at Shaws....in the rice section of the store so I'm guessing it's not pasta. I also found Alessi (brand name) Imported Risotto Funghi Porcini which is Arborio Rice with Porcini Mushrooms. All of this begs the question: is risotto a rice dish or a type of rice? I really think that risotto is a rice dish made with arborio rice and other ingredients. I've had it with little tiny specks of carrots and other vegetables in it, as well as with the mushrooms. Arborio rice can be cooked tender, yet retain some firmness. If you can't find risotto in the grocery store...look for arborio rice.

Fresh raspberries were available last Friday at Shaws. Hard to believe! Another thing that I've noticed in the produce section of most grocery stores these days is fresh spring mix lettuce. Who would buy iceberg lettuce when they could get spring mix?

They say that there isn't a bit of nutritional value in iceberg lettuce....but plenty of good nutrients in the other lettuces. Baby spinach, for instance. Spinach is good as a salad or a hot vegetable. Mix baby spinach with some mandarin orange slices, a slice or two of purple onion and some poppy seed dressing and, yummo, you've got yourself one delicious salad.

Pepperidge Farm breads in all flavors and all levels of carbs (or no carbs) are another thing I loved shopping for at Shaw's. Couple all of those bread options with the unbelievable cheese options, and you've got a real good reason to go to Dover once in a while....if it's just to stock up on the things you can't get here. My brother-in-law from Sebec happened to be in the store, and he chastised me for shopping "out of town." Well, sometimes a girl's gotta do what a girl's gotta do!

Don't get me wrong....I think that our local choices are phenomenal. Compare the choices we have today with the choices that our parents had. Take it a step or two further and compare it to the choices our grandparents had. Of course, most people ate out of their own gardens; and ate their own bakery products in those days. Milo had more stores to shop in....but way fewer items on the shelves to pick from. No wonder people ate good old "Yankee" cooking....they couldn't buy good old "Chinese" ingredients in the store back then.

My mom grew up in Millinocket and they always had the Italian influence up there. I don't know if my Nana ever cooked Italian....but when her children visited at the homes of their friends, they got introduced to a totally different culture in eating. That's what has happened all over the United States. Influxes of immigrants move into our State's communities, and those folks want to cook their own ethnic foods. They need to have a place to buy their favorite ingredients, and nowadays our larger grocery stores cater to those needs. Ethnic restaurants spring up and before long everyone's eating "whatever." Who in Milo's earlier days, with the possible exception of the Valente's or Villani's, would have ever thought to eat Risotto with Porcini Mushrooms? I'm so glad that we've been introduced to many options in eating preferences in my lifetime.

Here's a great Italian recipe.

Fettuccine Alfredo

1 pkg. (12 oz.) of egg fettuccine
3 Tbs. butter
1 cup heavy cream or half and half

1 cup grated Parmesan cheese (buy the already grated...or fresh, and grind your own)
1/4 tsp. freshly ground nutmeg
salt and pepper to taste (I use freshly ground pepper)

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil and cook your pasta according to package directions. Drain well.

In the meantime...while the pasta is cooking...preheat a large skillet over moderate heat, add the butter and melt. Stir the cream or half and half and continue to stir. Add the cheese and cook for 1 minute. Season with the nutmeg, salt and pepper. Turn off the heat and add the drained pasta to the sauce and toss to coat. Be sure to taste it before serving....you might need to add some more spices.

FROM MATT IN MALI

Dear everyone,

I've decided to write this email from my village the "old fashioned" way - pen and paper. It seems that as of late, whenever I am in Kayes, I can't find the words to write a letter sitting at a computer. Thus, I thought it would be more interesting to try a new approach.

I don't exactly remember the last time that I sent out an email - I think that it has been around 2 months or so. Life here in Mali definitely keeps me occupied and interested...I sometimes wonder where the last 19 months of my life have gone. Time certainly does fly.

I'm currently sitting at my homologue's garage with a few other people. To my left, one of them is making tea and the others are repairing motorcycles. We've been talking about the U.S. and I've been trying to explain to them that even though it is rich and developed, there is still a great deal of poverty. However, not surprisingly, they don't seem to believe me. I don't like talking about the states very much anymore or even the fact that I am an American. As sad as it is, whether you like it or not, being an American today associates you with a lot of negativity resulting from the actions of our government. I can't say that I'm 'proud' to be an American anymore, because frankly, it's rather embarrassing how the international community views us. It's unfortunate how our global image has changed in the last 5 yearsBut anyway, enough dwelling on the negative.

My best friend Dan just visited me for two weeks - definitely an interesting trip. We were witness to beautiful waterfalls, baboons, a giant cobra, and scorching sun on our trip to the Chutes of Gouina, which is 54km south of my village.

It was definitely a place that I'll visit once again before I leave.

The hot season has returned and I had forgotten how ridiculously hot the sun is here. Between 12-5pm, I am confined to my gwa and hammock, continuously pouring water over myself to keep cool. I have a clay cannery that I keep outside in the shade, which keeps the water very cool - compared to the blazing heat it feels like taking a cold shower. It's absolutely fantastic.

A few days ago, I went to visit my friend Hawa in her village. She and her kids went there for a couple of weeks to spend time with her parents and family. I had a really good time. Most of the people in this small village had never seen a white person up close before, so the 'fishbowl effect' was a bit overwhelming. One of things that I miss about being in the US is the anonymity - being able to walk down the street and having no one notice you.

So right now, I have about 7 months left before my contract is finished. For quite some time, I considered extending for a third year, but I've decided to leave after only two. I think that I finally know what direction I'm heading in - Education. When I return to the states, I plan on getting my Master's in Education and teaching at the elementary level. Obviously, money has not been a deciding factor in my planned career choice I think the most important thing that I have learned living here is learning what I can live without. The expensive cars, cell phones, houses, etc. are not a necessity, although our culture places so much importance on obtaining those things. From Mitch Albom's book 'Tuesdays with Morrie', there is a line that said 'Our culture makes people feel bad about themselves for not having certain qualities or possessions, and you have to be able to say, 'If the culture doesn't work, don't buy it''. That line really stuck out to me and I believe that it speaks the truth quite clearly.

Alright, my hand is starting to get tired and I feel like this has been more of a ramble than an email. Time to sign off

I hope that this email finds you all happy and healthy...take care and stay in touch.

Peace and Love,

Matt

I've changed my email address once again—mhpkrywka@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

ALTHEA M. MACKINNON

BROWNVILLE JCT. - Althea M. MacKinnon, 85, wife of Kenneth M. MacKinnon, died March 31, 2006, at a local nursing home. She was born May 22, 1920, in Abbot, the daughter of Perley R. and Doris M. (Conner) Littlefield. Althea was a member of the Brownville Community Church and the Brownville Snowmobile Club. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, Kenneth of Brownville Jct.; three daughters, Doris Coburn and her husband, Jack, of Brownville Jct., Bonnie Ellis and her friend, Lyle Fuller, of Richford, Vt., and Anne Hathorn of Medford; six grandchildren, Julie Smith, Clifford Coburn, Felice Sickler, Ben Johnston, Molly Johnston, and Heather Suetin; seven great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by a brother, Ray Littlefield and a great-grandson. Burial in the family lot in Pinetree Cemetery will be later in the spring. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Brownville Community Church, P.O. Box 682, Brownville, ME 04414, or to the Maine Alzheimer's Disease Association, Inc., 163 Lancaster St., Suite 160B, Portland 04101.

DONNA RAE (TONNBERG) DREW

MILO - Donna Rae (Tonnberg) Drew, beloved wife of Ronald E. Drew of Milo, lost her courageous battle with cancer Sunday, March 26, 2006, at her winter home in Tucson, Ariz. She was born Jan. 25, 1938, to June and Harold Tonnberg of North Chicago Heights, Ill. After spending her earlier years in Winthrop Harbor, Ill., Donna lived in Zion, Ill. and graduated from Zion-Benton High School in June 1956. Donna honorably served our country as a medical technician in the U.S. Air Force (Women in the Air Force - WAF) from 1957-1959. While she was in the Air Force she met and married Airman Ronnie Drew. She and her Airman husband were stationed all over the world including Amarillo, Texas, Taiwan, Italy, Darmstadt and Augsburg, Germany. They finished their 20 years of service in San Antonio, Texas, at the Security Service Annex of Kelly Air Force Base. Throughout their years in the Air Force they made many life long friends especially the Harwood, Allen and Momeny families of San Antonio, Texas. After her children had all entered into school, Donna began St. Philip's College School of Nursing in San Antonio, Texas and graduated Jan. 13, 1976, as a licensed practical nurse, LPN. Donna loved the

position and duties of the old-fashioned LPN due to its close personal care with patients. When the Drew's moved from San Antonio, Texas to Milo in 1977, Donna continued her nursing service in Dover-Foxcroft, at Mayo Regional Hospital until she retired in 2002. Donna was the most loving wife, mother, mother-in-law, nurse and friend. Her importance to our family was immeasurable and she was and remains always our angel. Donna never, ever, missed an opportunity to tell all of us how much she loved us. Donna so loved her man, Ronnie. Ronnie provided for her, took care of her, made her laugh and most of all he loved her for all of their lives together. They loved to live together, travel together and play together. When both Donna and Ronnie retired, they divided their time between Milo, and Tucson, Ariz. It was in Tucson that Donna was able to live in the same Western Way Resort as her childhood friend, Mary Roberts and her husband, Donald. Donna had many great friendships at Western Way Resort; she is loved by many and will be missed so very much. Donna was predeceased by her father, Harold Tonnberg; and second father, Clifford Leech. In addition to her husband, Ronald, she is survived by her mother, June Leech; and brothers, Michael Tonnberg and Greg Leech of Zion, Ill. and their lovely children and grandchildren. She was adored and greatly loved by her four children, Mitchell and his fiancée, Kathryn Gill, of Rye, N.H., Michelle and Jeanne Martin of Dexter, Philip and his wife, Mary, of Orono, Amanda Hamlin and Michael "Mick" Wilcox of Pittsfield; her beloved grandchildren are Joshua, Justin, Kimberly and Jacob Drew along with their mom, Lisa Strout-Drew of Portsmouth, N.H., Corinna Skall Elliott and her husband, Michael, Natalie, Patrick and Daniel Skall of Orono, Ciera Rae Hamlin of Pittsfield and her dad, Richard "Richie" Hamlin of Canaan; great-grandson, Kaleb Cecchetti and his mom, Jen Cecchetti of Greenland, N.H. There are many in-laws and special friends who mourn her passing. We especially remember the earlier passing of Phillip, Kip, Vera "Nana," Donna, Janis and Robin. A special thanks to all the healthcare providers who cared for our mom during her battle with cancer including Dr. Openshaw and everyone else at EMMC Cancer Care of Maine. From Donna's kids, we are forever grateful for the faithful partnership, love and support that our father Ronnie gave to our Mom especially during the later years as they jointly battled against her cancer. Dad stood by her, supported her, loved her and showed the patience only possible in a truly loving relationship. We love you, Dad and thank you for helping your wife and our Mom live a great life. Mom, we all love you. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Milo. Those who wish to make donations in Donna's memory may send them to Mayo Regional Hospital, 897 West Main St., Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426.

projects and would be very pleased to have you participate in them.

THREE RIVERS KIWANIS



CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meets at The Restaurant each Wednesday morning at 6:30 to eat breakfast, enjoy fellowship, hear speakers on various interesting topics, and to share ideas. All are welcome to visit with us. If you would like to join our organization, please contact Dorothy Brown or any other Kiwanian for an application. We are involved in many worthwhile local projects and would be very pleased to have you participate in them.

APRIL 5, 2006 MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Chris Beres greeted thirteen members and three Key Club members and five guests from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis. She introduced "Doc" Sherman from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis. "Doc" Sherman then introduced the interclub from Dover-

Foxcroft Kiwanis; John Danforth, "Sugar" Bob Moore, Andy Hinckley and Tim Hague.

The flag salute was led by Murrel Harris. The prayer was led by Paul Grindle, asking for prayers for our group and to strive for the members of our Key Club to be strong leaders. An inspirational reading was read by Don Harris.

Correspondence: The Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Newsletter and the Orono/Old Town Newsletter was passed for all to read.

Birthdays, anniversaries and achievements; On April 11th Todd and Diane Lyford celebrate an anniversary and on April 12th Jeremy Finson celebrates his important day. Happy Birthday Jeremy!

Happy and Sad Dollars: Seventeen happy and sad dollars were donated today for girls softball tryout with 34 girls trying out, for Jeremy being remembered for his birthday, for a leash law, a happy/sad dollar for naming his dog "Jeter", for another dog bites man story, a very happy five dollar donation for the Hap Gerrish get together last week-end in Bangor with hundreds of guests attending, several happy dollars for Mrs. Gillis elementary drama club school play last week-end, for whoopee pies, for amusement stories and a sad dollar for a very special member who is home ill with pneumonia.

REPORTS:

Interclub: Chris Almy reports that an interclub is expected to go to Dexter on Friday, and that an interclub was held last Thursday, March 30th at PVHS with Paul, Val, Frank, Don and Dottie attending.

Key Club: Paul Grindle reported on the activities of the Key Club. Key Club members present for breakfast today were President Kylie Palmer, Cheryl Roesing and Lynne Corson. Key Club members donated \$ 500.00 to Metilly family. Key Club met last week for election of officers for the coming year. Paul advised that Cheryl Roesing and Lynne Corson are trying to raise funds for a trip to Scotland for Key Club Mentoring Club. Good Luck Ladies!

Variety Show: Chris reports that Variety Show rehearsals will begin next week.

No speaker was available for today. Some pertinent business matters were discussed by members as we gear up for auction and the Milo Fire Department's 100th anniversary activities. Joe Zamboni reported on the canoe race that will be held the same week-end as the 100th anniversary celebration in July of the

Milo Fire Department: A discussion was held about raising funds for the fire department by planning a spaghetti supper or a BBQ. Our members will work at the fund raiser, possibly held at the Gazebo. Entertainment by the Community Band or elementary band if possible was discussed.

Joe also advised that the auction calls are starting to come in and he requested help doing pick-ups.

Board members present voted to donate monies toward the American Legion's planned Easter Egg Hunt in the coming week.

Paul reminded all that he will be leaving at retirement and will need someone to take over the community calendar fund raiser which is coming up soon. Sherri Conley has agreed to chair that event.

Several members are planning to walk at the MS Walk-athon this coming week-end in Brewer.

Joe Z. discussed the Web-site and the t-shirts to be available for the canoe race in July.

Murrel Harris told the members present about the upcoming Bike Rodeo. The date to be announced soon.

The meeting ended with tentative discussions about a meeting for the 5th Wednesday in May meeting. The fifth Wednesday in March a meeting was held in the evening, with a pizza party at Pat's Pizza in Milo with an attendance of thirty-three. A Good time was had by all!

Respectfully submitted by Dot Brown, secretary.