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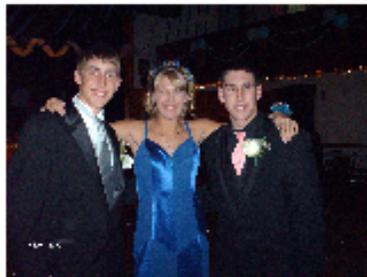
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The Kiwanis Auction will be held June 22nd and 23rd, 2006. If you have items that you wish to give to the auction, you can arrange to have them picked up now. Please call Joe Zamboni at 943-2271.

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



**Congratulations Alex
Class of 2006
We're very proud of you!
Good luck at USM.**



Humanity Loses a Great Friend

Reuben Lancaster passed away last week at the age of 86. This warm and kind hearted man, albeit a shrew businessman, had many friends from all walks of life. For Reuben had the uncanny ability to put himself on the same page with US presidents (two) and the woodsmen he first cooked for or who later patronized his store in Milo.

In the course of his long and eventful life Reuben wore many hats (see obituary). As the old adage goes: "Variety is the spice of life." and this helped make Reuben such an interesting person-that ability to relate with people from all walks of life along with the gifts of being a natural born salesman with a great sense of humor and a penchant for hard work dating from his early years in the woods.

With the estate he was able to amass via shrewd business skills and hard work, he was able to help the less fortunate and encourage and inspire others.

When I saw the sign "clous" next to the nail box in his store, I learned that Reuben could speak some French. Shortly after that, we began making some memorable trips to Canada-trips I will always remember when I got to spend quality time with Reuben, who was like a father to me.

Reuben sold my books in his store and bragged them up to customers and encouraged me to write as much as anyone.

Reuben succeeded me as president of the Brownville Historical Society and got the new museum rolling and did a great job.

Reuben, Old Friend, I'll miss you and O Canada!



The Milo Garden Club will hold its The sk's house in Lakeview Village at 12 noon
 The Milo Garden Club will hold its annual picnic at Lois Trask's house at 12 noon on June 13. Bring a sandwich and something for Ronald McDonald House. Dues for year 2006-2007 are payable

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND

Rehearsals have begun! The band is meeting on Fridays at 7pm at SeDoMoCha Middle School in Dover-Foxcroft. Anyone who can play an instrument is more than welcome to attend! Our concert season begins at the end of June and runs till the end of August. If you would like more information, call Seth Barden at 943-2425.

LOST DRUMMER!

The Community Concert Band is looking for the drum corps drummer whom contacted us last August about playing in the band. We could really use another drummer! Please come to our practice on Friday, or call Seth Barden at 943-2425.

LOCAL GIRLS PARTICIPATE IN HORSE SHOW

On May 21st, Breanne McKinley, 14 of Milo, won 1st place in her age division at Infinity Farm's 2nd annual Spring Fling 2 phase horse show! Infinity Farm is owned by Chris and Gail McCormack of Dover-Foxcroft. Riding their school horse Euro, Breanne participated in the dressage test scoring 41 points and jumped a clear course during the second phase of the show. Stacia Russell of Atkinson was the judge for the show. Breanne is an 8th grade student at Penquis Valley and the daughter of Richard and Sue



McKinley.



Also

participating was Ashley Shaffer, a 5th grade student at Milo Elementary and the daughter of Wayne and Kim Shaffer. Riding her horse Dixie's Wild Angel, she also had a great score for her age division in the dressage test and jumped a clear course! Both girls have been riding at Infinity Farm for over 2 years, and are looking forward to the show season this summer with their own horses. They will also be participating in the Milo parade in July with Infinity Farm's Quadrille team.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY LIAM!!



Liam Jonah Pietras will celebrate his first birthday on Friday, June 9th. He is the son of Joshua & Kendra Pietras of Brownville. Grandson of Henry & Pamela Pietras of Lincoln and Valerie and Kenny Cowing of Milo, Great-grandson to Thomas Howard of Milo, Velna Cowing of Bangor, and Cecelia Pietras of Saddlebrook, NJ. Nephew, cousin and friend of far too many to list!

Piscataquis County Republican Committee will meet Wednesday June 14th at the new Republican Headquarters at 66 W. Main St. D-F Upstairs at 7 pm

Refreshments provided by Central Maine Republican Women for more info call 564-0856.

Congratulations to the Penquis Lady Pats for a fine season and good luck in the play-offs. You ladies have done a fantastic job this season and I want to thank you all for letting "psycho" Mom be a part of it.



Senior infielder, Ana (A-rod) Rodriguez hands her father a carnation at the girls' last home game. Ana has been a solid force on the team this year and her family I'm sure must be very proud of her. She cheers her teammates on like no one else!



Senior catcher, Kylie Palmer gives her very proud Mom, Marcy a carnation at the girls final home game on Tuesday, vs. Searsport who they went on to beat 11-0



COOK SCHOOL NEWS

We began our Terrific Kid assembly by welcoming our new friends who will be in kindergarten in the fall. All 6 students bravely stood up in front of the audience for a warm welcome. We also gave a warm welcome to Mrs. Susan Worcester, who will be our new principal in the fall.

Terrific Kids this week are Ethan Neal, Harmony Pierce, and Michelle Baker. Miss Brown says that Ethan has had a good week. He has been sitting right down and beginning his work, and he will redo assignments with a positive attitude. He's been doing a great job! Mrs. Carter tells us that Harmony has had a terrific year. She tackles all assignments with a positive attitude, even when they're tough for her. Her reading, writing, and math have shown great improvements throughout the year. Miss K. says that Michelle is an outstanding student every day and every week. Her homework is always done and her planner is always signed. She does all her work and more. She has just completed a great math project with Mrs. Andrews. We are very proud of our terrific kids!

Bus students this week are Codie, Kyle M., and Kyle E. We sang birthday wishes to Ms. Grant. Move and improve winners this week are: Shalene, Rebecca, Cassidy, Taylor, Sonny, Dakota, Rachael, Trevor, Kortnie, and Haley M. Staff move and improve (again) was Ms. Grant. Caught being goods went to Rachael, Harmony, Cassidy, Sha-Lynn, Taylor, and Michelle.

Miss K. presented Jen Baker with a \$75 check for the LaGrange Veteran's Memorial Fund. This was money raised by students, staff, as well as a P.T.O. donation. Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



Students in Brownville have been involved with an eMints technology grant with their teachers. The school has received several thousand dollars of new equipment. Here Ryan Heath and Anthony Murano are trying to figure out how to use the iCam and iPod. It's all been very exciting. The 6th graders this year have created their own DVD movies.



On June 14, longtime Brownville teacher, Sally Wallace will be retiring. Mrs. Wallace has taught 35 years in 4th and 6th grades. Her colleagues and family hosted a surprise party for her last week at Pleasant Park. The night was filled with lots of school memories and much laughter. June will also be the final month of teaching for Paul Grindle and Tom Gillis. Combined, these three teachers have taught for over 100 years! If you see any of them be sure to thank them for their dedicated service to the children of SAD #41.

MATT IN MALI

Dear everyone,

Greetings from Mali. It seems that I've neglected the email for a few weeks or so, but I've been very busy with work.

All is going well for me here. I've been finishing up my sanitation project and millet-grinding project. Today, we bought the millet-grinder and will install it on Thursday morning. As for the sanitation project, we held a training session to teach the women's association's bureau members basic accounting and inventory management skills. I think that it went very well, although my primary responsibilities were making tea. I paid a Malian who works for a local NGO to run the training session. He is very competent and works very well with other Malians. Towards the end of the training session, the women had to come up with a name for the association, and they decided to name it after me. I found myself getting a bit emotional since I only have 4 months left in village...I dread the departure very much. It's going to be a very tough day.

As for side projects, I've been hanging out with my best friend Hawa and her family. About a month ago, we were chatting and I brought up the possibility that I could teach Hawa to read and write in French. She immediately agreed and we started with the alphabet last Friday. By Sunday, she had the entire alphabet memorized and is making a lot of progress. She's gaining a lot of confidence in herself and others are making comments to me in regards to how great it is that she's learning to read and write. When I first joined the Peace Corps, I envisioned myself taking on these gigantic tasks and changing masses of people. However, I've come to learn that even if you can help just one person, you can make a difference. It sounds awfully clichéd, but it's true. It makes me feel so good to see Hawa happy about what she's able to accomplish. *sniff*

On Saturday, I'm heading to Bamako for a week for our COS (Closing of Service) Conference. The Peace Corps is lodging us in a 5-Star hotel with a pool and from what I've heard, a breakfast buffet. One could consider that an upgrade from my two-hut, millet porridge lifestyle that I experience in village. It's going to be sweet. Also, we should be able to track down a satellite TV and watch some NBA Playoffs - DWade is the man.

I've attached a few photos from the basketball court inauguration. I want to thank all of you that made contributions, whether it was monetary or donating sneakers. This court has people much more excited than I expected, which is a beautiful thing. We are going to collaborate with the basketball league in Kayes and really get the ball rolling soon.

I suppose that is all for now. I need to run to the internet café and get this email sent...after that, it's movie night at Brett and Melissa's house. Should be fun. I hope that this email finds you all healthy and enjoying the beginning of summer.

Peace and Love,
Matt



Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

My, we've been busy this week. We are getting PAWS, CLAWS, SCALES and TALES (all about pets) Summer Reading Program off the ground. Earlier this week I went to the area schools in Brownville, LaGrange and Milo to take posters to be displayed. I also took information slips to be given out to each child. We know the slips have been handed out as we are already getting questions from parents about the program. Your school age child should have the slip by now. Don't hesitate to call or come into the library if you want to know more about the program. We certainly welcome questions. The three businesses that supply our food prizes have all agreed to do so again this year, and we certainly thank the C & J Variety, Milo House of Pizza and the Milo Farmers Union. The five mascots are waiting to meet the children, the readers are ready and all we need now are your children to complete this fun program. Also note, the program is not just for school children but for preschoolers too.

We have been very pleased to have volunteer, Brittany Armour, as a helper this week. She has been busy giving us a hand processing and discarding books, has worked organizing the children's area and has done some work toward helping us get ready for the summer reading program. She has also promised to give us a hand during the program, especially on Wednesdays (Story Time). We are very pleased to have her as a temporary member of our staff.

Wednesday Jean Hanson from the Milo Garden Club arrived and removed the eight tired geraniums from our windowsills. She was not sure if she'd be back later that day or Friday. While the windows were bare of flowers, I had Brittany wash the plant pot saucers and clean the window sills of dead leaves and flowers. She did a great job and was just

finishing up as Jean and Harold Hanson arrived back in the library with the eight new geraniums. On Thursday Jean and Harold placed the urn, newly filled with flowers, on the library front steps. Thanks to Jean, Harold, Brittany and the Milo Garden Club the library is all spruced up for the summer. And I mustn't forget Dean Henderson who mows our lawn often to keep us neat on the outside. We thank all of you.

In preparation for the summer reading program we have selected more juvenile books from another Penworthy preview box.

Here is the list of our newest juvenile books.

THE BERENSTAIN BEARS AND TOO MUCH CAR TRIP
CALLING ALL ENGINES! (A Thomas and Friends book)
TRACK STARS! (A Thomas and Friends)
COWGIRL KATE AND COCOA (A girl & her horse)
LAST DAY BLUES (Last day of school for teacher)
MY LITTLE BOOK OF PAINTED TURTLES
MY LITTLE BOOK OF WHITETAILS
SPIDER'S SECRETS

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathryn Witham

If I got any busier, Carroll would have to clone me! But, don't worry folks, he's not about to do that. This week ranked up there about third on the busy scale. Not as busy as Christmas, and not as busy as the week of the Variety Show, but running them a close third. You'll note my year doesn't begin in January and end in December. My year begins in late August and goes to the end of June of the next year. July is a blur of activity...but I get to sleep in every single morning of that month so it doesn't count.

To hear me talk you'd think I was a lazy lay-about. I'm actually not...but you don't know anyone who likes to lie in bed in the morning....dozing and stretching and getting comfortable again and then dozing again more than I do. When I finally get up, I'm usually ready to get moving and most generally get lots done...but I love to wake up and go back to sleep two or three times in the morning. Having to be at work at 7:00 a.m. doesn't afford me that luxury during the work week....but weekends and vacations are heaven.

When I've had a chance to do a big ironing...and I have lots of outfits ready to wear to work...I can get ready for work in about 35 minutes. That includes a shower and shampoo, dressing, blowing my hair dry and using a curling iron, brushing and flossing, and putting on makeup. It's my habit to get my school bag all packed, check my purse for my reading glasses and a little cash, and give my husband his running orders before retiring at night. If I take a cold lunch to school, I always have it packed ahead of time. There isn't any time to do anything that strays from the routine....if my phone rings early...I'm licked! I feel a little like Dagwood Bumstead when I head down the stairs in the morning. I grab a quick kiss, a cup of coffee that my husband has already prepared for me, and I'm out the door. Sitting in a cozy breakfast nook and eating something like June Cleaver might have prepared, is a thing of the long ago past.

Once in a blue moon I'm foiled. Like the rare occasion when the car won't start or the snow is so deep at the end of my driveway that I can't get through it (that was back when my husband had to be to work even earlier than me). There was that time that the squirrel got into our basement and ran up my cellar stairs and was pushing on my cellar door and making a wicked racket. Then there was the time that the toilet tank fell off of the wall and crashed to the floor spewing water hell, west and crooked. Oh yes, and there were the multiple times that the elements quit in the electric hot water heater. Brrrr...talk about your cold showers!

If you don't count the squirrel incident, one of my worst early morning experiences was the day I bustled out the door...down over the steps (which I didn't realize were icy) and the next thing I knew I was down on my knees...coffee cup still in my

hand (unfortunately it was empty from the cover flying off), and the spilled coffee was covering my clothes, and my knees were filthy, and my pride was hurt. Isn't it funny how you always look around to see who saw you take the flip....even when you are in the worst of predicaments? That little incident put me back half to three quarters of an hour! That will teach me to try to get down the slippery steps and across the few steps to the garage in my dress shoes. I really should have factored in the time it would take me to put on my boots on winter mornings....ya think?

I think about those people who worked year after year for Dexter Shoe with a week off....maybe two....all year long. And I think about my dear father and mother-in-law who worked on a farm all their lives and had no days off! By 7:00 in the morning my father-in-law would have been up and at work for hours. I think that it's unnatural to get up to start the day in the dark...yet I do it all winter long. It's much easier to get up when there is some light in the sky. I could be wrong, but I think I enjoy my job more if schools kept banker's hours.

If there was more light in the sky I wouldn't have to spend so much time holding my shoes under the bedroom lamp to see if they are both black...or brown...or blue. If there was light in the sky, I'd have a better chance of picking out earrings that match my outfit, or hose that doesn't have runs...or trouser socks that match (I've gone with a black and a blue before...very embarrassing). But alas, they probably aren't going to change the whole school schedule because Kathy doesn't like to get up in the morning...I'll have to live with it for at least one more year...maybe more...who knows?

I've definitely made up my mind that my first book is going to be a cookbook. I've thought a lot about it lately. I believe I'm putting a plan of action together. Here's a cookie recipe I might use:

Peanut Butter Cookies

- 1 cup peanut butter (chunky is a nice choice)
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2-1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 tsp. salt

Preheat oven 375 degrees. In a medium sized mixing bowl combine peanut butter, shortening, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Gradually sift the flour and salt into the peanut butter mixture stirring and mixing well. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls onto a baking sheet. Flatten in a crisscross pattern with a fork dipped in either sugar or flour. Bake 8 to 10 minutes until golden brown. Cool on the pan for 2 minutes before removing the cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.

SOAR will be holding a meeting on Tuesday June 6th at 6:30. We will be meeting at the American Legion Hall in Milo to discuss our upcoming tag sale fundraiser. All are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

Thanks for your support.

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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.

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!

Town Celebrates 175 Years As "Bradford"

March 12, 1831 marked the day that Blakesburg Plantation's name was changed to Bradford through an act of incorporation by the Maine State Legislature.

Mark your calendars, as you will not want to miss the 175th anniversary celebration of this event. Friday, July 14th at 6 p.m. the Bradford Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual auction at the fire station on East Road. Saturday, July 15th will bring a full day of activities, beginning with a 10 a.m. parade and ending with a 9:30 p.m. display of fireworks at the Bradford Elementary School on Main Road. Activities at the school throughout the day will include old-time crafts; kids' games, old fashioned and modern; quilt show; petting zoo; food; contra dance; ATV pull; pedal tractor pull; manure pitch; pig scramble; mini-music festival and talent show; chicken barbecue; and more - something for everyone. Watch for a detailed schedule.

Also, on Saturday, the John B. Curtis Free Public Library will be holding a book sale in the morning, and Bradford Heritage Museum and Archives will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the library.

Sunday, July 16th the Bradford United Baptist Church will hold a tent meeting, on the school grounds, beginning at 10:30 am, and a horse show will be in progress throughout the day. For more information on any of these activities, call 327-2121.

Gravel Roads Structure and Maintenance with Front Runner – Workshop To Be Held

Submitted by Sheila Grant

Do you want to save money on your gravel road repairs? Would you like to stop pollution from entering your lake? If so, attend this workshop and we will help you learn how to do this.

The Piscataquis County Soil & Water Conservation District will host an Unpaved Road Maintenance Workshop from 8:00AM to 11:00AM on Thursday, June 22nd at the Milo Town Hall on 6 Pleasant Street in Milo, as well as a demonstration until 1:00PM on the Old Williamsburg Road.

The emphasis of this workshop will be to instruct road owners and others on how to properly build and maintain camp roads and other gravel surfaced roads, using erosion control measures that will help to protect and improve water quality through the reduction of soils loss.

Participants will learn about basic road building and maintenance techniques as well as gaining hands-on experience with the Front Runner. The Front Runner grader/rake is an attachment that fits onto the front of pick-up trucks utilizing a snowplow mount. It is used for road grading, maintenance, site clean-up, landscaping, finish grading and snow removal on soft roads. This tool consists of a row of heavy-duty, flexible spring steel tines individually bolted to a rugged, welded steel frame. A set of adjustable gauge wheels is attached to this frame in front of the tines for support. The entire attachment forms the configuration of a miniature road grader. It is controlled by the truck's snowplow hydraulic hoist.

Front Runners have the advantage over rear-mounted attachments, with improved visibility and control. The spring steel tines allow faster operating speeds than a bucket or blade because of their "forgiveness," plus they have the ability to separate and remove debris ahead of the vehicle so that it will not have to drive over the debris as happens with a rear-mounted or towed device.

Presenters will include Phil Curtis with the Maine Local Roads Center of the Maine Department of Transportation on road construction and maintenance, Jim Beyer with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection on regulatory factors, and Russ Lanoie on Front Runner operation.

Participants in this workshop who have access to ¾ or one-ton vehicles equipped with an eight foot Fisher 25" push tab snowplow mount will have access to the Front Runner for a low rental fee. There is a \$15.00 registration fee to cover the cost of the workshop. Refreshments will be served. Participants will be eligible for DEP recertification credits and Land Use Credits.

For registration information, call the Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District Office at 564-2321, ext. 3.

DOG SHOW IN BROWNVILLE

The 1st annual Dog Show will be held on the 24th of June on the lawn of Brownville Community Church. The registration will start at 12:30 for a fee of \$5.00. There will be judges and a "Blessing of the Dogs." There will be nine categories and I am sure that your dog will fit one of them. Dress your dog up for the occasion and plan on having a fun one hour to two hour time. Call Rosemary Chase for further information, 965-8341.

So whether your dog is small, medium or large, join us as we introduce these dogs and their tricks. Registration forms will be placed in area businesses.

MABEL (GRAMMIE) McCLEARY'S WEATHER

My maternal grandparents, Hazen and Mabel McCleary, moved to Brownville Jct. in 1943 where Grampie worked for the Canadian Pacific Railroad for many years and Grammie worked hard at home. She began her weather diary in 1966 and continued her daily entries until 1993 unless she was in New Brunswick, Canada, visiting family.

JUNE 1993

5-Sunny breezy-76° at noon.

6-Cloudy am then showers.

7-P cloudy am Sunny windy.

8-Sunny windy-44° in the am.

9-Sunny-86° at noon.

10-Rain am Showers pm.

11-Rain am Sunny pm.

NEW at *SECOND THOUGHTS*

5 Elm Street, Milo

The Glory of Being:

A Biblical Journey into Abundance

By Alice Finnamore

Recently published, this book "proclaims that finding our place of unity with God is the key to abundance. Referencing science, scripture, and dreams, Finnamore explores how duality and differences have been misconstrued, explains a biblical perspective on oneness with God, and offers the life of Jesus as an example of how abundance is not a far-off-wait-until-heaven experience, but a her and now, dirty feet and sunburned reality."

Attention: Business Owners: Would you be interested in getting together to chat about business?

Please call Victoria Eastman at 943-2400 or Judy Morrison at 943-2348