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BROWNVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH 2006 OLD HOME WEEKEND EVENT CALENDAR AUGUST 4

5:30 pm-Brownville's Best Pie Contest – If you think you make the best pie bring one in for judging!! One pie for entrance fee. Contest results and Award presented during the country western show. (Slices of the pies from the contest will be for sale during the 7-7:30 intermission.)

6 pm-Country Western Show starring Hank Hughes and Vintage Country. \$10 per person-\$15 per couple-Supervised children get in free. Food and drinks will be available.

Bring your favorite chair.

AUGUST 5

9 am – Annual Auction – This is one of Brownville's biggest and best auctions with a wide range of donated items which includes new items and gift certificates from local area businesses. Food and beverages will also be available. The Monday Morning Quilters will have a showing of their fine products in the church sanctuary.

5 pm – Bean Supper with ALL the fixings. \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

6:45 (following the bean supper) – Evening Entertainment.

Come see the talent and join us for a great time.

AUGUST 6

2 pm – Special Church Service. All are invited to our annual old home weekend special service.



Folks are still talking about last weekend's parade...shown above on the left is Jane and a crew from Valerie Jean's Bistro. On the right is a picture of the Milo Firefighters who showed amazing strength and stamina by pushing, pumping and squirting their way through the streets of Milo. Once again, the Town would like to express our appreciation for you and how you protect us.

BROWNVILLE DAYS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 18th

10:00a - 2:00p Children's Quilt Show, Brownville Community Church

10:00a - 3:00p Historical Society Open

10:00a - 3:00p Pleasant River Walk Scavenger Hunt
(Transportation provided!)

12:00p Pie Baking Contest, Brownville Community Church

Pavilion -Contact us to enter!! Apple, Blueberry, & Lemon Pies!
1st & 2nd Place Prizes!

1:00p - 4:00p Children's Fair, American Legion Hall

4:30p - 6:00p BBQ Supper, Legion Hall

6:00p Children's Parade, North Street to Legion Hall

7:00p - 9:00p Karaoke Night, Big Pine Amphitheater*

Saturday, August 19th

6:30a - 8:30a Breakfast, Brownville Community Church, \$3.50 / person

10:00a Vendors Open on Railroad Avenue

10:00a - 2:00p Quilt Show at the Methodist Church, Railroad Ave.

10:00a PARADE begins at Webber Jones Airport Legion presentation immediately following the parade.

10:00a - 2:00p Mystery Cruise - You must participate in the parade to qualify for the cruise. Prizes awarded at 2:30p at the Community Church Pavilion.

10:00a - 3:00p Historical Society Open

10:00a - 3:00p Creative Flair Show, BJHS Alumni Hall

LUNCH Please take a break and enjoy lunch at one of our local establishments.

12:00p - 3:00p ATV Poker Run



The Big Pine Amphitheater at The Junction General Store
The Junction General is Home to Maine's Largest Outdoor Music Park and Campground!

The Junction is located just three miles from beautiful and historic Katahdin Iron Works which makes it the perfect stop for hikers, hunters, fishermen, and snowmobilers.

7:00p - 10:00p Greased Lightning Broadway Show - Big Pine Amphitheater*-Admission is \$10, no alcohol allowed.

Sponsored by The Junction General Store

Sunday, August 20th

9:00a - 4:00p Adult Co-ed Softball Tournament, Davis Field First six teams to sign up play. Sponsored by Brownville Rec. & Brownville Days Committee. \$100 per team entrance fee. Snack Shack will be open! Call Dean Bellatty at 207.965.8419 or Kathy White at 207.965.2561 for more info.

10:00a - 3:00p Historical Society Open

11:00a Rubber Duck Race, Pleasant River-Ducks are placed in the river at the Green Bridge, and race down to the bridge in Brownville Village.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2006

The Piscataquis County Republican Committee will meet at 7:00 PM at Republican HQ's, 66 E. Main St., Dover-Foxcroft. We will discuss upcoming "Cruise on the Kate", 8/20/2006 and upcoming November election. All registered Republicans are encouraged to attend the meeting. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. For more info, call: Miriam McArthur, 564-0856.

Sebec Village Associates will have their annual meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Sebec Reading Room. Important meeting for all members to attend. Election of officers for coming year.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

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Nancy Grant, 10 Belmont St. Milo, Maine 04463, e-mailed to Nancy2310@adelphia.net or call 943-5809.

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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!

REC. NEWS

BY John Pokrywka

Beginners Scrapbook Class

The Milo Recreation Department is looking for 8 participants to join Sheilah Bissell on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a Scrapbooking class that will begin on August 8th.



Incoming 4th graders through 8th graders are welcome to sign-up for the class that will run for 3 consecutive weeks from 9am to 10:30 am. The participants must have access to approximately 30-40 photographs to create and complete the photo album. Caring for photographs and albums, cropping photos, choosing colors, making borders and titles, and journaling are some of the concepts that will be explained in the class.

The cost of the class is \$10, which includes all materials and a photo album. Anyone interested may call the Milo Recreation Department at 943-7326 or Sheilah Bissell at 943-5072. Remember, photos must be available for the first class; everything else will be supplied.

Bair's Driving School

A sign-up sheet for the fall session, which will begin in September or October, has been started for the driver's education program. Applicants must be 15 years or older at the start of the class to qualify. Please contact the Milo Recreation Department at 943-7326 with any questions or to register.



Milo Recreation Outdoor Activity Club

Anyone interested in joining a group for an outdoor activity program that will take advantage of the areas natural resources is encouraged to contact the Milo Recreation Department at 943-7326. Some of the ideas that have surfaced are making some day hikes into K.I., Baxter State Park and also Borestone Mountain. We would like to establish this club by late August or early September to have some planned trips available this fall.

Special Thanks from the Milo Recreation Department

The Milo Recreation Department would like to send a sincere thank you to Earl Gerrish Jr. and Sons (especially Liz) for loam that was donated to improve the surface at Harris Field. Also, The Restaurant and Pat's Pizza for donating gift certificates for the Tennis Tourney held last weekend. Thanks again.

Little League News

The Red Sox continued their hot streak by beating the Mets and the Cubs this week to remain undefeated on the season. Although the Sox have some truly talented players, everyone on the team contributes each game which seems to be the key to success. They don't seem to make a lot of unforced errors and their aggressive running seems to create scoring situations in nearly every inning.

The Yankees were the first team to be eliminated, falling to the Mets and then again to the Braves. With four teams left and three having one loss in a double-elimination tournament, there is going to need to be some courageous efforts to rattle the Red Sox from their game.

The Mets and Braves face off in an elimination game Monday evening with the winner facing the Cubs on Tuesday. The winner of Tuesday's game will then face the Red Sox on Wednesday. Just a reminder that all games will be played at Davis Field in Brownville Junction and will begin at 5:30 pm. Good luck to all of the teams in this final week of Little League.

MORE LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

FROM THE SPORTS DIVA

RED SOX 5 vs. CUBS 0

The Red Sox would take the field ready to defend their record, but had an idea that Bob Hathorn had something up his sleeve. You never know with Bob. Ryan Hibbs and Trevor Lyford would combine for an impressive 17 K's, 5 walks and gave up only 2 hits.

Hitters for the Sox were as follows: Trevor Lyford led off with a fly ball to right field for a double, a line drive to right field for a triple and finished the night with a line drive up the middle for a single, getting held to a single because Henry Patten did a great job of fielding the ball and getting it

in to his cut off man. Ryan Hibbs had an RBI double, but got tagged out trying to steal third. Skylar Beard made a nice throw to Austin Fogg who hung on for the put out. Ryan also had his second RBI from a beautiful pop fly to right field for a stand up triple. Colton Larrabee had an RBI single to short stop. Zach Slagle had a nice double off a fly ball to left field. Cody Larrabee had the hot bat again tonight; hitting his first ever in the park homer, picking up 2 big RBI's off a fly ball to deep right field. Finally, Noah Allen made good contact and out ran, out hustled and out "tumbled" his way on to first base and then tried his hand at sliding again into second base on the steal.....Good job Noah!

For the Cubs: Greg Hathorn looked like he was pitching about 5 miles an hour faster tonight; maybe that's what Bob's secret weapon was? He looked sharp and accurate tonight that's for sure. Austin Fogg also pitched 2 innings for the Cubs and they combined for 13K's of their own, only 2 walks and gave up 9 hits. It really was a pitching dual tonight. Hitting for the Cubs tonight, Greg Hathorn hit a fly ball over first base for a single. Skylar Beard also hit a ground ball to short stop for a single. Skylar caught the whole game and did a fantastic job of holding the runners on base and throwing out Ryan as he was trying to steal third. Austin Fogg was solid on the mound, and had great control pitching to the Sox's bottom order. That would be the Cub's first loss and they will play the winner of Friday's game of the Met's/Braves on Monday evening.....the winner of that game will face the Sox on Tuesday at 5:30.

Zach Eells shows his great form in the box for the Red



Sox. Zach has been a solid first baseman all year for his team. The Cubs catcher is Skylar Beard.

Play off game #3 was between the Red Sox and the Mets on Wednesday evening in Jct. The Mets had just come off a win against the Yankees the night before, beating them handily 13-4; but would go down in defeat tonight, losing to the Sox 11-1.

The Red Sox took the field, 9 strong with Ryan Hibbs and Trevor Lyford combining for 12 K's, 3 walks and gave up 5 solid hits. Trevor scored all 4 times he got up to bat, while chalking up 3 RBI's on 2 singles, a double and an in-the-park home run off a fly ball to right centerfield. Colton Larrabee got on with a walk and scored on some great base running. Zach Eells pitched in with some good defense at first base and an RBI single to centerfield. Cody Larrabee really stepped it up tonight for his team with a triple to left field and an RBI single to center. Ryan Hibbs had another great game, scoring 3 times off a single, and then a rocket shot OVER the

right centerfield fence for a solo home run. He later got up to bat, scoring from a walk then had a 2 run RBI home run to centerfield to end the game on the 10 run rule.

For the Mets; Klay Stevens and Shane Emery combined for 11 K's of their own, 7 walks and gave up 10 hits. Klay's first at bat against Trevor was a beautiful line drive to left field, right to the fence, but Aaron Goodine did a great job of fielding it and getting in to the cut off man, holding Klay for a stand up triple. That was a really hard hit ball; Klay is making good contact with the ball. Shane Emery also hit a hard ground ball up the middle, but got picked off stretching it out for a double. Derek Johnson then got up, got on base with a walk but got tagged out at home trying to score from first off a fly ball to centerfield hit by Alex Zelkan. Chris Crescilius also had a nice hit tonight, a fly ball to left field for a stand up double and would score off a blooper over the second baseman's head for a stand up RBI single that was hit by Ben Lufkin. That would prove to be the only run drove in, the next 2 batters would go down swinging to end the inning.

Colton Larrabee gets ready to hit the ball against Greg



Hathorn. Colton had an RBI single late in the game for the Red Sox.

Thanks to an anonymous donor the P.E.T.S. organization, whose mission is to reduce over-population of companion animals through spay/neuter, was able to purchase a portable building. P.E.T.S. now has the capacity to receive items year round for the Spring yard sale fundraiser. P.E.T.S. is now accepting items for donation, no clothing please. To arrange for pick up or to drop off of your items call Phyllis at 564-8072, Sally Sue at 876-2752, Mary at 564-8092 or Sue at 379-2809. Our Spring Yard sale is our major fundraiser for our reduced cost spay/neuter program. Community support and the hard work of our volunteers along with Foxcroft Veterinary make the P.E.T.S. program successful.

Borestone Mountain Weekend Retreat Chance to Explore Nature, Relax

ELLIOTSVILLE, Maine, July 24, 2006— Maine Audubon invites the public to a retreat at Borestone Mountain Audubon Sanctuary from 1 p.m., Friday, August 18 to 1 p.m., Monday, August 21.

Participants will stay in the sanctuary's historic Adirondack-style lodges, which are accessible only by boat or on foot, and spend their days hiking

to Borestone's bare granite summit, canoeing and swimming in the sanctuary's mountain ponds, or just relaxing.

The retreat is led by George Libby and Gary Roberts. A Maine native and Registered Maine Guide, Libby has been volunteering for Maine Audubon since 1990. Registered Maine Guide Gary Roberts has led Maine Audubon walks and field trips on foot and by canoe for more than a decade.

The retreat, limited to 10, is \$425 per participant and includes lodging and meals.

To register or for more information, call (207) 781-2332, ext. 215.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Wasn't last weekend wonderful! The Firemen must be so pleased that their 100th Celebration Weekend went so well. The library book sale on Saturday, July 22, is now history, but what a great time we had. The day was overcast, but the rain held off. Without the sun, the weather did not get too hot which was a blessing too. Joanne and Eben DeWitt, Walter and I arrived at the library at 7:30 a.m. Joanne and I made the decision to take a chance and set up outside even though the weather looked a little iffy. We did have several tarps at the ready if we needed them, but thankfully we never did. The men quickly took out three folding tables and set them up on the front curved walk. My oldest son, Arthur, arrived along with Pamela Flanagan and her son, Nicholas. The men got the bags of books up from the reference room as we ladies set the books out on the tables. At 8:30 our young volunteer, Brittany Armour, came to help. We set her table up with all the juvenile books-paper and hard covers. Between donations and library discards we must have had over 400 books on that table. All juvenile books were ten cents a piece-a great price. We put sets out on the front lawn. Several boxes were free and other sets were priced at a few dollars. By 8:45 the customers started to come. What fun! I enjoy selling. Joanne staffed the adult paperback table, and as the books sold she kept replenishing the tables from our bags of supplies. I was tending the adult hardcover books and also handled most of the cash which I carried in a fanny pack for easy changing. We were steadily busy until parade time which was about 10:30 for our corner of town. We took time off to enjoy it and so did our customers. What a great parade it was! The many fire trucks were powerful and gleaming, the community band was lively, the clowns and the go-carts were such fun to see, the floats of the organizations were impressive, the oldest fire equipment was so interesting, and Smokey reminded us all to be fire careful. The street was lined with crowds all having a grand time, and I was pleased to spot about ten of our summer reading program members lined up along the library lawn and fire station.

After the parade we were back in business and had customers right up until closing time. Brittany stayed with us all 4 1/2 hours of the sale and sold steadily. Folks carried away piles of juvenile books, and Brittany and I were pleased to watch the books disappear. Customers were just as eager at the adult book tables. Joanne and I were kept busy trying to find favorite authors and to help fill out book lists. About 12:45 we started to close down the sale and packed up the leftover books. We really hadn't any idea how much money we had taken in until I was able to count it carefully at home. What a surprise to discover we had taken in \$175.00! We thank you folks who donated books, and thank you folks who came to the sale to buy. Several patrons donated books to the sale and then came back to buy others. Several buyers came back many times to see what the replenished tables offered for additions. Joanne, Brittany and I had a fun time selling, and we THANK YOU all for making our sale such a success.

**Library Summer Hours
Mon.-Weds.-Fri.---2:00-8:00
Telephone 943-2612**

CURIOSITY SHOPS SAY THANK YOU

The owners of Rose Consignments and Second Thoughts, your local curiosity shops, would like to thank those who visited us during the Milo fire Department's recent celebration. We would also like to thank you for coming to our Tastefully Simple open house on Sunday, July 23rd.

Our little shops seem to have become order centers for various distributors. We are happy to support small businesses like Avon, Tastefully Simple, Pampered Chef, Premier Books Direct and Party Lite. We also provide opportunities to support charities, locally and abroad. Come in to find Cooking with P.A.W.A. and fine craftsmanship from India which benefits Child Haven International.

Our Curiosity Shops are so happy to provide a place for local craftspeople and artists to offer their fine work. It is worthwhile to visit us and view the silver jewelry, quilts, crochet work, seaglass mobiles, doll clothes, baskets, paintings, NASCAR plates and portraits and so much more. While you are visiting please note our selection of new books by Bill Sawtell, Alice Finnermore, Maine Poets Society, Judy Schmand and Mike Clarke.

Any of these fine works would make a special treat for yourself or a splendid gift for someone else.

Our summer hours are 9-5, Monday ~ Saturday. We are located at 5 Elm Street in Milo; the first building on the block across from the bank.



HAS THE HEAT AND HUMIDITY GOT YOU DOWN?

Maybe a glance at the following photos will give you a brief respite from the recent soaring temperatures and sauna-like atmosphere.

(Reprinted from *The Town Crier* – March 6, 1969)

"The third, and worst, major snow storm in four weeks dumped over 30 inches of snow on our area and then blew it all over us.

The storm started a week ago Monday in the evening and ended on Thursday. Major highways were closed for some periods and secondary roads were closed for long periods. Citizens of Lakeview were not reached by plows until Saturday. Even snowmobiles could not make it out through deep soft drifts.

We have heard that a large rotary plow, enroute to our area from Aroostook County (where only three or four inches of

snow fell) struck a buried pulpwood truck south of Millinocket and completely demolished its blowing equipment. We have not been able to substantiate this story.

Gov. Curtis declared a state of emergency so that grocery stores could remain open on Sunday to enable citizens who were only by then able to dig their cars out, to buy food.

Ten foot drifts were common, fifteen foot ones were not unusual. Snowmobile owners did yeoman service delivering milk and groceries and in Milo Bishop's taxi made deliveries during the first part of the storm.

The wind from the Northeaster swirled around buildings, dropping snow in any lee available so that high drifts covered first story windows on all sides of many buildings.

Last week was the first time *The Town Crier* has missed publication in its nearly seven years of existence.

When the Town Crier staff finally got plowed and shoveled onto the road; this was the sight that awaited them at work.



Van Horne Avenue in Brownville Junction looked like the Grand Canyon last Friday with one-lane path up the middle.



Banks were piled up at the Milo Community Hospital to keep the doors cleared throughout the storm.

Main Street in Milo last Wednesday afternoon displayed only a few hardy pedestrians and an occasional snow sled.



**FROM GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S
WEATHER DIARY
JULY - AUGUST 1992**

- 31-Sunny Clouding up pm rain started after supper.
- 1-Rain cloudy rain-52° in the am.
- 2-Sunny L. showers after supper.
- 3-Fog Sunny showers in pm.
- 4-Fog Cloudy rain in evening-76° at noon.
- 5-Sunny rain in and out windy.
- 6-Sunny-54° in the pm.

**Methodist Church
Vacation Bible
School News
Release**



The Park Street

United Methodist Church of Milo invites all children to become Treasure Seekers at their summer Vacation Bible School, ADVENTURE OF THE TREASURE SEEKERS: EXPLORING GOD'S PROMISES.

The action begins Monday, August 14, 2006 and ends Friday, August 18, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon each day. There will be daily "Discovery Digs" for children to explore the Scriptures and find God's promises. This program offers fun, interactive activities that combine the world of archaeology with the discovery of treasures in the Bible. Each day, children will take part in an actual dig and find treasures that remind them of the Bible story and God's promise for that day.

Children will also be involved in local mission projects such as such as collecting schools supplies to give to area students, making tray favors for nursing home residents, and making donations to the ecumenical food cupboard. Also, there will be plenty of singing and learning some of the great Treasurer Seekers tunes, creating some memorable crafts, and making many new friends.

Meet us at Park Street United Methodist Church at 15 Park Street in Milo on Monday, August 14, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. to be a part of ADVENTURE OF THE TREASURE SEEKERS. For more information, call Hope Dyer at 943-7786.

REBECCA A. RUSSELL

MILO - Rebecca A. Russell, 89, wife of Gordon William Russell, died July 25, 2006, at a Dover-Foxcroft hospital. She was born Feb. 20, 1917, in Milo, the daughter of Henry and Hazel (Weaver) Ricker. Rebecca attended local schools and graduated from Milo High School. She married Gordon June 30, 1934 and moved to Connecticut, where she raised her family. After Gordon's retirement, they moved back to Medford. She was a member of the Brownville Community Church, where

she had served as deaconess and was a member of the Missionary Circle and the Social Committee. She was a member of Echo Chapter No. 98 OES, Orion Rebekah Chapter No. 16, the Milo Garden Club, the Brownville Extension, the Brownville Snowmobile Club, and Katahdin Senior Citizens. She is survived by her husband of 72 years, Gordon of Milo; her children, Philip and his wife, Louise Russell, of Hampton, Conn., Carolyn Zima of Burlington, Conn., Janis and her husband, George Jones, of Wilton, Sharon and her husband, Dave Pollard, of Chester, Vt. and Gregory and his wife, Linda Russell, of Medford; a sister, Joyce Merchant of Wolcott, Conn.; 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Many of her loving family were with her when she went to be with the Lord. Friends are invited to call 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 27, at the Lary Funeral Home, Milo, where funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, July 28, with the Rev. Darren Morgan officiating. Burial

will be in the family lot in Evergreen Cemetery. After the services, all are invited to the Brownville Community Church for a time of fellowship and sharing. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the Brownville Community Church Sunday School, P.O. Box 706, Brownville, ME 04414.

MILDRED ETHEL STROUT

RONO - Mildred Ethel Strout, 93, wife of the late Donald J. Strout, died July 27, 2006, at the Maine Veterans' Home, Bangor. She was born Oct. 26, 1912, in Williamsburg, the daughter of Edward and Thirza Grace (Maxfield) Foulkes. Mildred was a member of the Brownville Community Church and the Church of Universal Fellowship in Orono, where she belonged to Alliance and had served as chairman of the music committee. She sang with the church choirs and with the University of Maine Oratorio. She was also a member of the Brownville Historical Society. She and her husband, Don, enjoyed traveling, touring throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and South America. In their early years, while Don was in the U.S. Air Force, they lived in Connecticut, Texas, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Arizona and England. Music was Mildred's love and she and Don especially enjoyed attending concerts. She is survived by a daughter, Dawn Carol Strout of Orono; a nephew, Larry Strout of Milo; a niece, Sandra Ceynar of Texas. She was predeceased by two sisters, Doris F. Browne and Margaret Foulkes; a brother, George Foulkes; three nephews, Donald, Harvey and Robert Browne; and a niece, Shirley Browne. A memorial service will be conducted 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, at the Brownville Community Church, with the Rev. Darren Morgan officiating. Burial will be in the family lot at Brownville Village Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Brownville Community Church, P.O. Box 706, Brownville, ME 04414. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Milo.

Traditions of a Milo-ite

By Kathryn Witham

Just so you know....this is an editorial!!!

With all due respects to Dexter Fire Department, God love their hearts, they probably didn't have an idea in the world that the Piscataquis Observer would deem their prowess with an old fashioned pumper the paper's above-the-fold picture and caption in this week's paper.

Let me get this straight....try to keep up with me on this....The Milo Fire Department holds their 100th Anniversary Celebration. The department plans for months for this occasion....enlisting the help of scores of people to help prepare and get the town and especially the fire department and all of their equipment (both antique and otherwise) ready for a big celebration. Fire departments from all over Piscataquis County, as well as other far reaching communities of the state, are invited and are planning to be on hand for the huge parade. (Are you still with me thus far?) The long awaited weekend arrives and hundreds of pictures are taken of the parade as well as all of the other things that went on over the weekend....I've got several myself. Wednesday the Piscataquis Observer comes out on the news stand and the picture that depicts Milo's wonderful celebration is of the Dexter Fire Department with their antique equipment....pumping and spraying. Are you getting my point yet? If this scenario doesn't totally incense you, probably you ought not read any further.

I am a swearing woman...I seldom make excuses for it....it's a Milo thing....class of '65. I usually refrain, however, in this column. But you need to know that the air was blue with a diatribe of cuss words when I saw that paper. What were those people thinking? Like I said, with all due respect to Dexter, they must have been horrified to see themselves being spotlighted in Milo's Parade. Did not the Milo Fire Fighters and their Junior Department haul the same type of equipment in the parade? Did not our fire fighters run-stop-plug in-pump and spray their fair share of bystanders? Would it have killed their reporter to have taken a picture of Milo's men and their equipment for the paper? And further....who is the editor of this paper? How did this get by him or her whoever it is? Does he have no common sense?

When Monday's Bangor Daily News came out I wasn't a bit surprised to see not word one about our celebration. When the BDN did away with our local correspondents, you could pretty much count us out for getting any more coverage on anything....except for the stories that are derogatory or negatively

sensational. Why we continue to buy their paper in Milo is beyond me. My husband and I read the obits and two comic strips...for this we pay dearly. And what it does to my nerves to have a story like Milo's celebration ignored, is just not worth the hassle anymore.

I only buy the Piscataquis Observer on a rare occasion. Years ago they blasphemed my family and, in turn, hurt my feelings. I will never forgive them for that, and so for that reason I seldom read their paper. The only reason I happened on to the total lack of common sense that they displayed in this week's rag was because both my son-in-law and grandson are fire fighters in Milo, and I expected that I might see their picture on the front page of this week's paper. That wasn't to be the case...oh yes, this as an aside, is Dexter in Piscataquis County? No? I didn't think so.

I think that the citizens of Milo should stop buying both the Bangor Daily News and the Piscataquis Observer. Likewise, we should stop advertising in either of their papers. I dare say it wouldn't take too many weeks of losing our business to smarten them up. I had thought about boycotting the paper racks at the different stores where the papers are sold, but didn't know if I could rally enough people in time to make my point. I'm sure that a few posters boycotting the sale of their paper would bring on a "story." A call or two to a couple of television stations might even highlight our disdain. If we keep on buying and advertising...the message that they get will be that what they did was "okay." And it wasn't "okay"...it was thoughtless and rude.

Lucky for us our backs are broad...as opposed to narrow.

Three Rivers Kiwanis



July 26, 2006

The Wednesday morning meeting was brought to order with a welcome to everyone from President Christine Beres. There were 22 members present and 5 guests which included an interclub from the Dover Kiwanis Club.

After the flag salute, led by Eben Dewitt, and the prayer offered by Herb Dunham, Chris provided us with an inspirational quote, "To be of use in the world is the only way to be happy." Being a Kiwanian allows us a chance to be of use in the world and therefore it enhances our own happiness.

Correspondence included notice of the conference on August 17 - 20 at Nashua, NH. Anyone interested in attending should contact Chris. Also, we received information about purchasing tickets to the New England Revolution Soccer Team which is supported by the New England District of Kiwanis. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets for themselves or for deserving children in the Boston area please contact Pres., Chris.

Happy & Sad dollars were given for Chris Almy's 10 baby guinea hens; raffle tickets being sold by Dover Kiwanis; for Bob Ellison doing such a great job on the parade Saturday and that the whole weekend went so well; for the fireworks; for the great outing on Sebec Lake with the Treworgy's; for sympathy for the husband who kept hitting his wife with the paddle in the canoe race; for kitchen project hours away from completion; for the Red Sox 2 1/2 games ahead; and for the huge crowd that attended the concert in the rain.

Joe Zamboni reported that the canoe race went over well. There were 16 people and 10 boats competing.

Chris thanked Ed, Ethelyn and Lois for the Kiwanis float that was in the parade.

Ethelyn Treworgy reported that she has mailed the 142 quilt squares to the District quilt project. Ann Hathorn at The Old American Thread donated material for the squares. Many thanks to Ann for her generosity.

Chris Beres and Sheri Conley will be making plans for the upcoming Senior BBQ's and will be looking for volunteers as soon as the dates are set.

Nancy Grant, Speaker Chairperson, then introduced Shirley Wright, Superintendent of MSAD # 41 schools since last November. Shirley told us that many changes have been in the works this summer. There will now be 2 teaching Principals; Chris Beres at Brownville Elementary and Susan Worcester at Marion Cook School in LaGrange. Cathy Knox, a native of Milo, is the new principal at Milo Elementary.

Also this summer, much work is being done on the Middle School thanks to bond money awarded to the school to make major renovations including an entirely new roof system, new paint, flooring, and ADA compliant bathrooms. Among other things, a pitched roof is being installed over the lobby entrance and every building and every classroom is completely emptied out and thoroughly cleaned.

Administration is very busy with a multitude of reports that come due in July.

One of Mrs. Wright's concerns was the lack of after school programs for children. She suggested that perhaps a memorial trust fund could be set up to help fund some after school programs. There are currently some sports programs, but there is a need for other programs for those students who do not participate in team sports. There was discussion about the possibility of some local volunteers to help with these programs and that Kiwanis might consider starting such a fund.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lois Trask, Sec. Pro Tem

The newly formed Penquis Valley Alumni Association needs your info! Please go to

<http://www.trcmaine.org/alumni/forums/index.php>

and register. At our first meeting held on Saturday, July 22, we elected officers and decided to hold a yearly "party". and meeting on the 3rd weekend of August, to coincide with Brownville Days. Gerry Demers was elected president, Seth Barden Vice-president Lynn Gerrish Treasurer, and Ronnie Towne - Secretary. Phil Gerow was deemed "King", to honor him for his tireless energy and devotion to Penquis Valley High School. We voted to collect \$5 dues per year to cover the cost of mailings and perhaps a scholarship.

If you would rather reply by mail, send your Name, Address and contact info to:

**Valerie Robertson, Membership
Chairperson PVAA
PO Box 81
Milo, ME 04463**



Dover-Foxcroft, Piscataquis Valley Fair Grounds - This old fashion country fair features a midway, agricultural displays, musical entertainment , horse & tractor pulling and much more.

(And don't forget the FOOD!!!)

August 24-27, 2006

On Saturday, August 5, 2006 from 9 am to 12pm The Brownville American Legion Jr. Auxiliary is having a Bottle drive to raise funds for our Veterans at Togus in Augusta.



Then, on Saturday, August 26, 2006 9 am to 1 pm, The American Legion Auxiliary and our Auxiliary Juniors are holding a Yard Sale at our Post in Brownville Junction. All proceeds will go towards activities for our local area Veterans.

Thank You for your Support!

For further information please call the Post at 965-1953 or Cathy at 965-7888.

There is going to be a Benefit Pot Luck Supper for Holly and Tony Bizier. Holly is the daughter of Tina Johnston and Jackie Brown. Tony was severely injured in a horrible accident in Connecticut on Friday. The couple have 2 children, ages 4 and 1. The dinner will be at the Milo Town Hall dining room and the admission is by donation. The meal will be held at 4:30 PM on August 12th.

**PAWS WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR
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