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10th Annual Harvest Supper at the Marion C. Cook School in LaGrange on November 18. Turkey with all the fixings. Apple Crisp with Ice Cream for dessert. 5-7 PM -Adults \$6 Children \$3. For More Information Call 943-2196.



AREA VETERANS HONORED

By Ethelyn Treworgy

On Veterans Day the Milo Town Hall Arts Center was filled to capacity with veterans, their families and friends, as Three Rivers Kiwanis hosted their annual Veterans Day dinner to thank the men and women who have served their country.

A turkey dinner was prepared and served by Three Rivers Kiwanis Club members and the Penquis Valley Key Club, assisted by students from Charleston and Bangor. The back walls were covered with names of veterans from Milo, Brownville, Lakeview, and Orneville, and flags of all service branches adorned the tables. A feeling of patriotism and love for our veterans surrounded everyone present.

Commander Randy Kluj of Joseph P. Chaisson Post #41 narrated a very touching and emotional POW/MIA

ceremony, as members of the American Legion surrounded a table of empty chairs. From the presentation and posting of the flags of each branch of the armed forces until the playing of Taps, one felt the tremendous impact of what our service men and women do for their fellow Americans.

Following dinner the young people's chorus directed by Stephanie Gillis entertained everyone with their Veterans Day program. Their singing and recitations of events in American history were wonderful tributes to the veterans in attendance.

Veterans Day gives us all a chance to say "thank you" to all those who have served our country and to those presently in the service; but we need to remember to thank them any time we have the opportunity. They are truly Great Americans.

Thanks for Your Support!

The congregation of St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, Brownville Junction, would like to thank the Milo-Brownville community for their support. On Saturday, November 4, the church held its annual public baked bean and ham supper and, as always, there were people waiting to eat well before the posted opening time and people waiting for a place to sit during the supper. We heard many positive comments about the meal as people were leaving. The feedback is most appreciated. This was our most successful supper to date - thanks to you. We are grateful for the continued support of our local communities. Without your attendance we would not still be hosting this annual event. We are grateful that we can provide a place for people to meet and chat while enjoying a variety of home-cooked foods.

Thanks, also, to all the church members and friends who cleaned, cooked, worked, and did the dishes! Without the support of each and every member of our church group, the supper would not have been possible. We look forward to continuing to be a presence in this area and to be able to support community events and needs as the community supports us.

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.



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Dear Editor,

My father, Kenneth Rhoda, and I would like to express our gratitude to the folks at MSAD #41 who made it possible for him to receive an honorary high school diploma as a WWII veteran. Thanks also to this paper for the front page coverage in the last issue. It meant a lot!

In the interest of accuracy, I should mention that Dad's rank was T-5 Corporal Technician, not G-5 as stated in the article.

Thank you,
Katherine Rhoda

Just a word of appreciation to all who were able to help in some way with the Veterans Day dinner on Saturday. Once again it was a great success with a very delicious meal (thanks once again to Val), a touching and emotional POW/MIA ceremony from the Legion, and singing and recitations from Stephanie Gillis's chorus. We had great participation from our Club with many working in the kitchen, setting up the hall, serving, cleaning up, and our many pie bakers. I never saw so many pieces of pie cut at one time (200 slices on red and blue plates). It was quite a sight on the dining room tables!

Ethelyn

(Ed. note: The following email from my brother, Alan Treworgy, was sent Nov. 9. He and his wife, Celia (Smith), are teaching at a college in Enshi, China.)

Hello,

These are some observations about our school, the Chinese school system in general, and my daily reading of *CHINA DAILY*, The National English Language Newspaper.

Celia has written to you before about our finding out about events, schedules, classes, and students after the information would have been useful. This week one of the students in our small Tuesday evening speech group told me some information that would have been helpful two months ago. I have a class of 32 students who have graduated from junior middle school, but for various reasons have never attended the three years of senior middle school, which is equivalent to our high school. Celia has two classes of such students. During a shopping trip yesterday Margaret [another teacher] was helping me find a light jacket and trying to teach me how to bargain, when I mentioned to her that about five of my junior middle students were disruptive in class by talking - one of them on her cell phone before I confiscated it - and did not seem to care whether or not they passed the class. These students are 18-20 years old, and have been here for only one previous year. However, they seem to be the same age as my students who have graduated from senior middle school who have also been here for one previous year. Margaret said that some or even many of these students got into trouble in middle school by having boy or girl friends, spending time at internet cafes, or maybe skipping school. They were unable to pass the exam, which includes an exam in English, to qualify for senior middle school. However, the solution seems to be that their parents can send them here to this technology college to either learn a trade or major in English, which requires them to finish middle school before they begin college. In simpler terms, if they want to major in English they must go six years here instead of the usual three years. They are away from their parents, their boy or girl friends, and the college here has a guaranteed income for six years. Everyone is happy except the teachers and the students. Most of these students try hard and are learning oral English, but there are some that need to be elsewhere - Taiwan, for instance. Tomorrow I am going to begin giving this class an individual mid-term exam

of about five minutes. This should be revealing about their real ability in English. This leads to my second topic, the Chinese educational system in general.

My best class is a group of twenty-two business-English majors. Most of my other students are thinking of being English teachers in primary school. However, these students want to make money. By the way, teachers and doctors are paid the same in China (very poorly) as they both receive about the same number of years of college education. Here in Enshi, the college teachers, as well as the doctors at the local hospitals, receive about Y2000 per month (\$253). Celia and I each receive Y3500 per month, which I am sure does not rest well with many teachers here. When shopping yesterday, I noticed that a washing machine like the one in our apartment cost Y1500. At the bakery a loaf of bread is Y4.5, a jar of peanut butter is Y11, a ball point pen is Y1, a ride on the bus is Y1, five large apples cost Y5, and a meal for four with a variety of dishes and beer is about Y60. When I take my bowl to the dining hall for lunch and have white rice, cabbage or squash or beans or tomatoes, and some form of tofu it costs me Y1.5. Food is cheap, as well as basic consumer needs. However, appliances such as a microwave cost about Y800 (\$100). (This digression shows how writers make books expensive.) Back to my 051053 class of business-English majors. Two weeks ago I cut out articles from *THE CHINA DAILY* and told them they could work in groups of two, three, or four or even alone, but they had to give in front of the class a report about the major information in the article. Knowing that they would either read what they wrote or memorize it, I let them do this and then asked them questions about the article so that they had to speak without written preparation. They did quite well, except for two girls who had an article about a cosmetics lawsuit in which a woman had used a product from Colgate-Palmolive that she had seen advertised on TV. However, rather than sue the company she decided to sue the actress for misrepresentation. I thought this was rather clever; however, the girls failed to either read carefully or think. When I asked them a question, they were unable to answer anything. Anyway, what I discovered from this oral report was that this was the first oral report that these twenty-year-old students had ever given. The Chinese school system does not stress individualism. As a matter of fact, it does not even seem to accept the concept. Students learn by group recitation in classes of at least fifty students. Margaret, whom I mentioned above, said that her class in school had 113 students. She must have had a teacher with a taser. Students are trained to copy and think collectively. Copying, by the way, seems to be an accepted practice. Celia had a homework assignment passed in of presumably original sentences. One student spelled broken as bloken and several others dutifully copied this spelling mistake when they copied the sentences. In their written English classes they have been trained to say, learn, and memorize dialogs. When they are asked to write a sentence they will hunt through their books to find patterns or complete sentences, even though these may make no sense. The English vocabulary they have to learn is very difficult. Last week I helped some of my students correctly pronounce epitome and psychoanalysis. They learn these words from articles, stories, and dialogs from British publications. They read these outloud. I found out how they do this in my 051052 class of 48 very motivated second year students. I read an article to them out loud and then said they could practice reading it again for meaning. All 48 of them then read the article out loud, but not in unison. This was the most amazing example of group reading I have ever heard. One of the girls said that this "group, but individual, out-loud reading technique" is the way they had been taught to practice in class in middle school. Another interesting discovery has been that students, even at the university level, have been taught that the teacher is god and that their opinion can never be challenged. Getting students to even state their own opinion is difficult. They have never been taught critical thinking skills. Their safety net is memorization and recitation. Their writing skills, though, are not too bad. Some of their grammatical mistakes are because some teacher along the way has taught them incorrect usage. Also, their books have many errors. Another observation is the Chinese solution to lack of individual attention: keep the students busy. The morning military

music begins at 6:00. The students have to be out on the outside areas for morning exercises at 6:40. Attendance is taken by head teachers in the different areas for all 6000 students! Classes begin at 8:00, but the students are generally there by 7:30, as the dorms have no heat and no hot water. There is more heat in an unheated classroom with 40-50 warm bodies than in a dorm room with only 4-6 students, especially when the outside morning temperature is around 50. Students have classes until 11:40, when they rush to the dining hall for lunch. They then have until 2:00 to rest. Students generally have about 38 hours of classes and self-directed study each week. They may not have afternoon classes every day, but all have self-directed study from 7:00-8:30 every night except Saturday. All students seem to have Saturday morning classes from 8:00-11:40. They are then free until 7:00 pm Sunday evening for their self-directed study, which is monitored and patrolled by teachers. Even if students were allowed to think, they would not have much time to do so.

My copy of *THE CHINA DAILY* comes four days late because it is written and printed in Beijing and must be flown to Wuhan and then on another flight to Enshi. The paper is actually quite good, especially for international news. I am looking at the October 31st copy, which has 16 pages. The caliber and quality of the writing would rank with the best newspapers in the U.S. The editorials are more fair and balanced than Fox TV news is in the U.S. The four front-page articles are about Sino-Asian trade cooperation, China's temporary self-imposed tariffs to deal with their massive trade surplus, the beginnings of an aging problem, especially in Shanghai and other major cities, and China's plan to launch an unmanned orbiter to circle the moon next year. The paper has major sections on Chinese and international business; international sports, including all of the World Series games; corruption among government officials; an article about breast gel implants; political news from the U.S.; updates about Iraq, Iran, and North Korea; business projects and construction in China; and a major article about KFC in the U.S. changing its cooking by using oil with less trans-fatty acids. There are short articles about news happenings around China, such as *U.S.A. Today* has. Over-all, there is a greater balance of news from Africa, South America, the Middle East, and Africa than there is in most U.S. papers. This news is not always China-related and is generally presented in detail. There are many articles about environmental problems in China, especially air and water pollution. In general the articles are more critical of China than of the rest of the world. If I compared this newspaper with the news on the internet, which we read each morning, I would have to say that the paper is less judgmental, preferring rather to present information and let the reader assess it..

Alan [Ed. note: More from Alan next week]

Pampered Chef Party scheduled for

November 17th

With the efforts and cooperation of Beth Zimmerman and the Milo Recreation Department, there will be a Pampered Chef Party with all the

proceeds donated to the Milo Rec. Dept. on Friday, November 17th, at 6 pm in the dining room at the Town Hall. For more info call 943- 7326. Hope to see you there!! See what's new from The Pampered Chef®! The kitchen tools are designed to make your mealtimes simple, so you can enjoy more time with family and friends. Whether you're fixing a family dinner or entertaining guests, you'll find quality products that make your mealtimes quick and easy.

Help make Christmas brighter for area children.



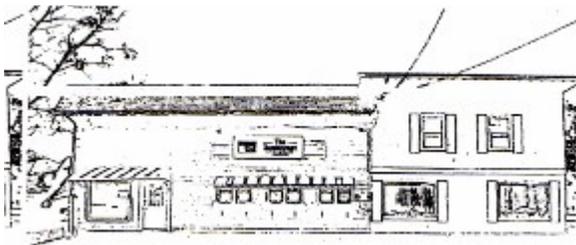
The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club of Milo & Brownville will be serving as a clearinghouse for Santa's Helpers again this year.

Donations may be made at Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Park St., Milo ME 04463

or

If any organizations or individuals wish to adopt children please contact Janet Richards at 943-2680. Anyone can "Adopt a Child" and share the meaning and spirit of Christmas.

Requests for Children Only will come to us from the Milo & Brownville Town Offices, the Milo & Brownville Elementary Schools & Head Start. Please remember that Christmas is a good time to get involved with caring for the needs of others, especially children.



THE RESTAURANT NEWS

Tuesday 14th – Smothered and covered hamburger steak, served with potato wedges. Comfort food at its best!

Wednesday 15th – Spaghetti and meatballs
Wednesday is always pasta day.

Thursday 16th – Appetizer special is buffalo wings.

Friday 17th – Raspberry scones...yummy

Saturday 18th – Burger day! Try a slaw burger, ranch ring burger or our newest burger.... you will have to stop by to find out what it is ☺

Sunday 19th – Veggie lasagna...always a hit
A reminder that we will be closed next Thursday, 'Thanksgiving day'.

The Restaurant to Help with Food Drive

On November 18th.

Boy Scout Pack 111 of Milo/Brownville will be collecting food items from 9AM until 3PM. Bring your donations to The Restaurant and help the Boy Scouts feed 60 families in the Milo/Brownville area. Call 965-2511 for more information.

There will be a Thanksgiving Eve service at the Brownville Junction United Methodist Church at 7:00 PM November



22, 2006. The service is open to all and a collection will be taken to benefit the Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

AREA SCHOOL NEWS FROM BROWNVILLE:

Children and adults at Brownville Elementary were mesmerized by the performance of The Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers on Thursday, November 2. The students at Marion C. Cook School were also in attendance. The puppeteers performed their own skit, The Legend of the Banana Kid. Students were on the edge of their seats waiting in



anticipation to see how the hero, Little Chucky, would lead an effort to outsmart the thugs and bring justice back to the town using just bananas as his weapon of choice. Riding on his trusty goat, Chucky encountered all kinds of wild Western fun. Children booed the thugs and cheered the heroes, all the while listening and laughing.



The puppeteers are 3 siblings from Bar Harbor. They create their own skits, puppets, stage and props. After the program they generously answered questions from the students. This program gave children a chance to see art in a different form, and something not driven by technology, but by human creativity and love for the art form.

This presentation was funded through a very generous grant given by Dave and Sandy Perloff through the Fast Track Grant Program of the Maine Community Foundation.

Brownville Elementary School has been awarded a \$1500.00 grant generously funded by Dave and Sandy Perloff through the Fast Track Grant Program of the Maine Community Foundation. This grant, called "Presentations Plus!", will provide a number of opportunities for the children of this school.

Students will learn the value of actively participating and performing in creative works in front of audiences through Reader's Theater, poetry readings, joke telling, dance and song. They will investigate the various aspects of a performance and have an opportunity to experience live performances.

The students and staff are very excited to be the beneficiaries of this grant and look forward to the various activities planned throughout the year.

COOK SCHOOL NEWS



The 4th and 5th grade students opened our November 9th assembly with a tribute to America's Veterans. The students presented a history of Veterans Day. Loud and enthusiastic applause was heard after our local Veterans were asked to stand. The K-3 students joined the 4th and 5th graders on the stage for the singing of "American Child." Family Veterans Day posters were on display before and after the program.

Dakota Higgins, Natasha Leighton and Josh Gray were honored as terrific kids this week. Miss Brown said that Dakota has been working hard on following school and class rules. He has improved greatly in these areas. Dakota is a nice boy to have in the classroom. Mrs. Carter reported that Natasha has been getting right to work in the morning. This is an outstanding improvement. Natasha is using lots of strategies during reading class and is now including details in her writing. Natasha is a good friend. Miss K. said that Josh is a terrific kid every week. He is a great student who loves to read. Josh follows directions, does all his work and gets his Planner signed each night.

Bus Kids of the Week: Justin B., Cassidy P. and Michelle B.

Happy Birthday to Miss Brown (24), Kylee Trafton (6) and our special guest John Willinski (81).

Caught Being Good Bags: Andrew, Dylan, Lindsay,



Meliana and Kyle

Announcements: Our Harvest Supper will be held on November 18, 5-7 PM.



THREE RIVERS KIWANIS CHILDREN: PRIORITY ONE

Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo – Brownville November 8, 2006
Meeting Highlights

The weekly meeting was held at The Restaurant at 6:30 a.m. with President Ethelyn Treworgy, presiding. There were 20 members, 3 Penquis Valley Key Club members, and an interclub from Dover Foxcroft Kiwanis present.



Birthdays being celebrated during the week included Laurel Harris on Nov. 8th and Amber Gahagan on Nov. 10th.

Happy and Sad Dollars were given for Pete and Manny's performance on Sunday; John Willinski's 81st birthday on Nov. 10th; hope that the Democrats will use the mandate wisely; sorry there will be no TABOR; opportunity to help at Manna in Bangor; happy to be at the meeting.

An interclub is traveling to Greenville Kiwanis on Tuesday night, Nov. 14th. Key Club reported they would be doing a Blood Drive on Dec. 4th.

Reminder about Terrific Kids Assemblies at all three schools each week. North Conway District Conference on Nov. 17, 18, and 19.

Posters for Secret Santa have been put up and applications are at the Milo and Brownville Town Offices.

Members volunteered for preparing vegetables and for working at the Veteran's Dinner on Sat. November 11th.

The speaker for Nov. 15th will be Lt. Governor, Brenda Kelley.

President Ethelyn passed out sheets showing all committees and their chairmen. Each chairman will choose volunteers for each of their different projects.

Program for the day was provided by Virgil Valente. Virgil volunteered to compile a list of Civil War Veterans for the Milo Historical Society. Because most information he found seemed incomplete, he used several internet sources, the book Second to None by James Mundy, the Adjutant General's reports for Maine for 1854, 1865, and 1866, Milo Historical Society display, stones engraved in the cemetery, Lloyd Treworgy's book, The Milo Story, and information from the Brownville Historical Society to compile his list, which he states is also not complete.

He found that 56 men joined the 2nd Maine Regiment and 25 joined the 20th Maine Regiment. Because the 20th Maine has received much deserved recognition for their bravery, and little information had been shared about the 2nd Maine, Virgil decided to focus on the 2nd Maine Regiment.

On April 12, 1861, Lincoln called for 75,000 men for 90 days. Maine was to provide one regiment to serve for 2 years. The first regiment from Portland should have gone first, but they were quarantined with measles, so the 2nd Maine Regiment was the first one from Maine to serve in the Civil War. Part of this regiment was Company D known as the Milo Artillery Co. Of the 107 men, 54 were from Milo with the rest being from neighboring towns. He told us about uniforms being quickly made in Bangor for the men and how these and their other items were made out of defective materials and didn't last very well. The men only had 12 days of training before their orders came to leave for Washington. Hannibal Hamlin spoke at the departing ceremony.

In Washington, they were made part of the Army of the Potomac. On July 21, 1861, the 2nd Maine was involved in their first battle, the 1st Battle of Bull Run. Seventy-six percent of the casualties for the Union Army in this battle were in the 2nd Maine Regiment. In March of 1862, the 2nd Maine was involved in the Yorktown campaign. In all, the 2nd Maine was involved in 13 battles from Bull Run to Chancellorsville. They were mustered out on June 6, 1863. During the service of the 2nd Maine, 69 men were killed and 70 died of disease or accidents. Conditions during the battles were less than desirable, drinking water was often muddy and food was often moldy. Wounded were left for days before being taken to hospitals.

The population in Milo in 1860 was about 900. The total number of men who served in the Civil War from Milo was at least 183 or 20% of the town. The men of Milo served in 26 different regiments. Almost half were in either the 2nd or the 20th Maine Regiments.

Many thanks for Virgil for doing this research for the Milo Historical Society and for sharing his findings with us.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Trask, Secretary
If you are interested in joining 3 Rivers Kiwanis, please contact any Kiwanian. We are an international organization dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

It was very well done- a time to remember.

MAYO'S NEWEST

A daughter, McKenzie Clare McMahon, born to Jennifer and Richard McMahon II of Brownville on November 01, 2006. She weighed 9 pounds 2 ounces.

REMEMBER...

**IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PASS A SCHOOL BUS
IN SCHOOL YARDS WHEN THEIR RED
LIGHTS**

ARE FLASHING.

THE FINE IS \$250.00 IF CONVICTED!

**PLEASE BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS WHEN
PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF YOUR
CHILDREN**

THANKS TO ALL DEDICATED TEACHERS

and leaders who honored all veterans at Penquis this week.

PENQUIS VALLEY SCHOOL MILO, ME FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL

SENIORS

NATHAN ALLEN
TASHA BADGER
BRITNEE GENTHNER
CHRIS BESSEY
KRISTIN BURCH
ANDREW DEMARIS
KRYSTLE LEAVITT
JESSICA METROS
ALLYSA THOMPSON
BRITTANY TWEEDIE
CHERYL ROESING
NATASHA WEST
KAYLA WEBB
SHANE WOODARD

JUNIORS

HIGH HONORS
JESSICA KAHL

HONORS

CODY ANDREWS
NOAH BISSELL
NATHAN DURANT
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RYAN BAILEY
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BEN JONES
ERICA LYFORD
PAIGE MCGUINNESS
EMILY MILLS
STEPHEN MORSE
KELSEY OTTMANN
KASEY SHERBURNE

FRESHMEN

HIGH HONORS
RACHEL EMERY
SPENCER TRAYLOR

8TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS
WESLEY ROUSE
SHELBY PATTEN

7TH GRADE

HIGH HONORS
CAMILLE CRAMER

HONORS

JUSTIN ARTUS
MICHELLE BUCCI
JAMIE KLEINKAUF
SARA LEMIK
JESSE MCLAUGHLIN
CRYSTAL MILLS
RICHIE RUSSELL
HEATHER MICHAUD
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CHRISTINA BOWDEN
RICKY BRADEEN
MIRANDA CONKLIN
ALEXANDER DRUMMOND
LUCAS GRINNELL
REBA HOWELL

HONORS

ASHLEY GOODINE
RYAN HEATH
WILLIAM KINSMAN
MADELINE RUFFIN
KLAY STEVENS
STEPHANIE VACHON
ALLISON VALVO

KORNER KREATIONS now has taken on a new stylist, Tammy McLaughlin!

We are now accepting new clients and walk-ins are welcome! For the month of November take \$5 OFF any chemical service when you schedule with Tammy!!!

Korner Kreations is located at 14 Charles Street, Milo. Our phone number is 943-9059.

The hours are as follows:

Tues., Thurs., Fri. 9-5, Wed..Noon til 8 pm, Sat. 9-1





On Youth Day Peter Morse, assisted by his Gramps, Nubbin Strout, bagged his very first deer.
 Congratulations Peter!

A NOTE FROM YOUR PTO

Thank you so much for supporting our annual Fall Fair and Auction. Please be sure to come to our next PTO meeting on November 15 at 6:30 pm.



**REMEMBER WHEN...
 FLOOD HITS COUNTY**

The Sebec River runs nearly over dam on Main St. at Milo.
 (Reprint from the November 10, 1966 *Town Crier*.)



SCARY STORIES 7TH GRADE – 3RD PLACE

By Steph Vachon
The Messages

It was in the news that Mrs. Jefferson's house had burned down. There were old stories about that house that my parents told on Halloween every year, stories about tragedies happening there---stories we knew weren't true, but it still made us wonder.

Last year I made a bet with my friends. I would go into Mrs. Jefferson's house and take something out if on Halloween my best friend London would dress as Elm. The problem was, the

only things left of the house were ruins, ashes, walls and some rummage. Of course I still had to do the bet.

Two days before Halloween, London met me after school to go to Mrs. Jefferson's old house. I didn't want a ride from my mom because I didn't want her to be uneasy about where I was going, so London and I made the weary trip down to Bored Stock Ave. on foot.

When London and I got there, unfriendly fog was creeping along the grass in front of her house as if looking for secrets among the ashes. The two oak trees that canopied over the demolished house were cracking to every which way the breeze decided to travel. As we cautiously marched forward up the half hidden walk, we stopped dead in our tracks. I took a deep breath of crisp fall air as I took into satisfaction that it was just a black cat. Leaves crunched under my feet as we continued up the walk. London and I stood astonished as we scrutinized the used-to-be house. As we carefully walked along the ash tinted boards and old fabric, something glistened, out of the corner of my eye. I gradually treaded over to the object to identify it. I had to pick up a board to get to the object. Once I lifted up the board I dusted the midnight ebony ashes off and dragged it over to the walk way, choking the whole way there. "London Come here" I howled, "I think I've found what I'm going to take!"

As London scurried over, I glanced briefly at the computer screen and thought I may have seen some works but considered I was imagining it.

That night when I got home I set up the Mac computer in my closet. The reason I chose the closet was because I didn't want mom to have any curiosity of where I might have gotten it. I didn't worry about plugging it in because I was so drowsy and needed some rest.

In the middle of the night I had a dream that the computer had some old writing on it. In my dream I got up and decided to investigate on the mysterious writing. The words on the screen read, "Help me I'm stuck!" Finally someone to trade spots with me, after all these years!" I tried to wake up but I couldn't. I suddenly realized when mom came to wake me up, it wasn't a dream!

Once mom had left for work I instantly bounded for my closet like a tiger hunting its prey. I thrust open the door and saw to my astonishment that the writing was still there. But the thing that amazed me most was, the computer never got plugged in.

I couldn't let a computer freak me out so I decided to go to the park and when I got back would check to see if there were any more messages on the Mac screen. When I got back I didn't even unhook the dog from its leash. I dashed to my closet and thrashed the doors open to find a screen that said, "Help me. What year is it? Get me out! Help!"

I bent over asking myself why am I about to type on an unplugged computer key board and typed, "Who are you? How did you get into this computer?"

"I have been n here 27 years! I think I know a way out but you'll have to help me." It pleaded.

"Oh wait. How did you get into this computer?" I asked sternly.

"I am Mr. Jefferson, Mrs. Jefferson was my wife." He asked with curiosity. "You see, one fall day about 27 years ago Lilly and I went to get some scraps from the junkyard down the road. When we got there, we saw a perfectly good computer just lying in the "BURD" pile of the junkyard. We decided to bring it home after paying an astonishingly low amount after no argument whatsoever with the clerk that worked there. Before we left, the clerk started to say something with pity in his eyes but just shut his mouth and turned around. On the way home Lilly and I were taking turns holding the computer in our arms. When it was my turn I tripped on the crease in the sidewalk and fell to the concrete. Almost instantly I lost consciousness and woke up 25 minutes later. I was home and apparently sitting at the desk Lilly and I had set up for our computer that we bought some years ago. Lilly came over to me and with tears in her eyes said, "Oh! You're finally awake!" Mr. Jefferson took a pause in his story simply trying to remember what had happened. "Lilly then explained to me that I had somehow become trapped in this glass box like a prison. She told me how when I fell and got trapped in

this computer, she saw an almost spirit fly out of it and a couple minutes later, saw a teenage girl walk out behind a skinny tree that wasn't there before. As dear Lilly explained this tragedy to me I was trying to see what my future was going to be like. The next morning I woke up to find Lilly screaming. She ran over to me and immediately started typing. "THE CAT HAS BEEN HUNG!" Lilly cried all day long and eventually she retired to bed. Things like this had been happening every day. A kid would go missing, or blood would be tracked through the house in this trails. A couple of months later, I woke up to the terrifying sound of the smoke alarm. I couldn't do anything and I didn't know if Mrs. Jefferson was ok, remembering how she pestered me about replacing the smoke alarm in the upstairs and I never got to it. You see, this computer does things for you. Bad things. I then realized I must have been the one who did all those bad things in the neighborhood. I must have hung that cat, killed that kid, and tracked blood through the house. I – I must have...started the fire by Lilly's bed."

"Mr. Jefferson, I'm so sorry." I replied slowly and in pity. "But what do you mean, this computer does bad things? Do you know HOW you ended up getting in here and if it could happen to anyone?" I questioned cautiously.

"I think the way people trade places is if they type on it even though I was tripping when I traded places. Before we left the junkyard I typed on the keyboard a couple of times, just to make sure the keys weren't stuck, and that's probably why." Mr. Jefferson slowly explained. As I suddenly realized what this statement meant, I swiftly picked up the computer and ran out of the house. I ran as far as I could until I got almost back to the junkyard. I was one step away, when I tripped.

Twenty-five minutes later I awoke. Apparently laying on the sidewalk. Five minutes later London walked by, gasped and picked me up. She ran home carrying me and set me on her desk. London plugged me in which to me obviously wasn't needed, and started typing. I gasped to myself remembering what Mr. Jefferson had said about trading spaces with people who type. Eventually London went to bed and I awoke in the middle of the night. Halloween night, and London's house was on fire.

4-H Youth Receive Awards

The 2006 4-H Achievement Awards Program was held at the Dover YMCA on October 27th. A special candlelight ceremony was led by Linda Whitten, the 4-H Aide for Piscataquis County. Barbara Baker, 4-H Educator, lit one candle for each of the 4-H's. 4-H youth explained what each "H" represented. Rebekah Amos explained that the first "H" represented Head - Learning to use your mind to form ideas and to make decisions. Courtney Taylor explained that the second "H" represented Heart - Learning to get along with other people and how to show understanding, kindness, concern and affection for others. Josiah Corbin explained that the third "H" represented Hands - Learning to provide, supply or make something happen. Katrina Corbin explained that the fourth "H" represented Health - Learning to eat right, exercising regularly, getting enough rest and resisting harmful activities such as alcohol, drugs and smoking.

A Certificate of Merit Award was presented to 4-H youth ages 5 - 8 which included Rachel Whitten and Mercedes Purdue from the Milo Musketeers 4-H Club. Achievement Awards to 4-H youth ages 9 - 19 included Isaac & Rebekah Amos; Dana Sherwood and Danielle Whitten from the Milo Musketeers 4-H Club.

Community Service Awards were presented to the following 4-H members of the Milo Musketeers 4-H Club - Dana Sherwood, Rachel & Karri Whitten from Brownville; Danielle & Joey Whitten from Milo; Mercedes Purdue from Charleston; Jeremiah Hayden, Nathan Champagne, Isaac & Rebekah Amos from Brownville. Their community service projects have kept them very busy the entire year. They delivered over 1200 homemade cards & gifts for Valentine's

Day, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to all the residents at Quarry Pines in Brownville and Pleasant Park and Garden Apartments in Milo. As members of the American Legion Junior Auxiliary, Rachel Whitten and Dana Sherwood have also been busy sewing quilts for Project Linus. Dana & Rachel have also made May baskets for the Brownville Senior Citizens. Rebekah & Isaac Amos helped the Milo Rite Aid with their bake sale for Children's Miracle Network. They have also volunteered their time to assist with the Milo Animal Shelter (PAWS). Our youngest member is Karri Whitten who is only 3 years old. She has been very helpful in delivering cards and smiles to all the residents in Brownville and Milo. We can all be very proud of the community service that our local 4-H youth are doing. They really live up to the 4-H motto, "Make the Best Better!"

4-H is the youth development education program of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension. 4-H is the largest youth organization in the world. Any youth ages 5-19 may participate in the Maine 4-H program. For more information about 4-H in Milo & Brownville, please contact Linda Whitten at 943-5569.

Left to Right - Linda & Karri Whitten; Rebekah Amos;



Dana Sherwood; Isaac Amos & Linda Champagne delivering Easter cards and gifts to the residents at Quarry Pines in Brownville.

Front, left to right - Isaac Amos & Rachel Whitten Back,



left to right - Dana Sherwood & Rebekah Amos delivering Valentine cards to a resident at Quarry Pines in Brownville.

MILO HONOR ROLL

Richard Boobar
John R. Landers

Dana D. Lovell
Rosaire Schinck

BROWNVILLE/JCT. HONOR ROLL

Alfred J. Bushway
Donald Cail
John Doucette
Percy Doucette
Joseph C. Madore
William Mulherin

VETERANS UPDATE

We will continue to update the Milo and Brownville/Brownville Jct. veterans honor rolls on a regular basis. We encourage everyone to let us know of any omissions and misspelled names. We also wish to compile a list of Milo veterans of the Korean War, Vietnam Conflict, Desert Storm, and Enduring Freedom.

The responses received last week were deeply appreciated. Please contact Nancy Grant at 943-5809/Nancy2310@adelphia.net.

GRAMMIE'S WEATHER

November-1966



- 13-Sunny & quite cold.
- 14-Sunny am Cloudy pm.
- 15-Mostly cloudy.
- 16-Sunny am Cloudy & cold pm.
- 17-Snow.
- 18-Cloudy am L. showers pm.
- 19-Sunny & wind

Karen Dean took this photo during Brownville Days over Brownville Jct. on 8/19/06. Her husband George was piloting the plane. Karen says, "I love this pic, the town looks orderly, colorful and people are gathered there to have fun.. It shows to me that we are all just one big family".

Bonkos New Year's Eve Event

Pot luck supper from 6:00-7:00.

Bonkos will begin around 7:30 following cleanup.

Bring your own drinks and something for snacking later in the evening.

\$10 per person or \$15 per couple. You don't have to know how to play, we'll show you. All held at the BJ Alumni Building. Lots of fun and laughter. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Lynn Weston.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

This is a belated Veterans' Day column. The emphasis on World War II in the last Three Rivers Kiwanis News reminded me that I have not really mentioned the WW II collection at the library except that we have one. I know many of the books have been donated by various people. George Betts, who once lived in town, read avidly of WW II and donated many of his books to the library. His interest had been sparked by the death of his father by the Germans. In fact he did so much research that a real life TV program presented the events that surrounded his Dad's death and the deaths of his father's companions. We also have a very complete set of Time-Life WW II books donated by Ann Chenery and Jane Skehan. The titles in the set donated by Jane and Ann are as follows:-

ACROSS THE RHINE
THE AFTERMATH: ASIA
THE AFTERMATH: EUROPE
AIR WAR IN EUROPE
BATTLE FOR SCANDINAVIA
BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC
BATTLE OF BRITAIN
BATTLE OF THE BULGE
BLITZKRIEG
BOMBERS OVER JAPAN
CHINA-BURMA-INDIA
THE COMMANDOES
FALL OF JAPAN
HOME FRONT: GERMANY
HOME FRONT: U.S.
ISLAND FIGHTING
THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN
ITALY AT WAR
LIBERATION
THE MEDITERRANEAN
THE NAZIS
THE NEUTRALS
PARTISANS AND GUERRILLAS
PRELUDE TO WAR
RED ARMY RESURGENT
THE RESISTANCE
RETURN TO THE PHILLIPPINES
THE RISING SUN
THE ROAD TO TOKYO
RUSSIA BESIEGED
THE SECOND FRONT
THE SECRET WAR
THE SOVIET JUGGERNAUT
VICTORY IN EUROPE
WAR IN THE DESERT
WAR UNDER THE OUTPOSTS
WAR UNDER THE PACIFIC

The library also has quite a few WW II magazines. They are the History of the Second World War first published in 1966 in 96 weekly sections. These magazines cannot circulate but could easily be read in the library as they are slim issues. The library does not have all 96 in the collection by any means.

Along with our WW II set and magazines, we have many other volumes on WW II including these once popular titles:

Brokaw, Tom	THE GREATEST GENERATION
Carse, Robert	DUNKIRK-1940
Frank, Anne	THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL
Kennedy, John F.	PT 109
Kuchler-Silberman, Lena	ONE HUNDRED CHILDREN
Prange, Gordon	AT DAWN WE SLEPT
Ryan, Cornelius	A BRIDGE TOO FAR

And we also have a set of three volumes by Winston Churchill.

Although we have these many WW II books in the library and consider we have a WW II collection, we also have a 16 volume set on the Viet Nam War and

books on Korea and the first Gulf War. The veterans of these more recent wars are all as patriotic and courageous as our WW II veterans, and we must not forget them either. And, of course, our troops that are fighting now must also be remembered and supported in every way the U.S. home front can.

The library staff is discarding two years of the National Geographic magazine-1995 & 1996. I know there may be patrons who would enjoy these magazines, and if you would like them please come in and ask. They are yours for the taking.

The library will be closed on Friday, November 24, in observance of Thanksgiving Vacation, but will be open on Saturday, November 25.

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

A Day in the Life of Any Animal Rescue, USA

The following is a sampling of the phone calls received at animal shelters. Although it was an e-mail forward, Julie and I thought it was a very appropriate sampling of the calls we receive. NO KIDDING!. Perhaps this little glimpse of the sadder side of our world of animal rescue will help you understand why, at times, we are a bit short-tempered or discouraged. Valerie

"Hello. You have reached 123-4567, Tender Hearts Rescue. Due to the high volume of calls we have been receiving, please listen closely to the following options and choose the one that best describes you or your situation:"

-Press 1 if you think we are veterinarians and want free medical advice.

-Press 2 if you know we are a rescue organization but want to save money and have us give you free, untrained medical advice anyway.

-Press 3 if you make \$50,000 a year but still want us to pay to spay the "stray" in your yard (house).

-Press 4 if you have a 10-year-old dog and your 15-year-old son has suddenly become "allergic" and you need to find the dog a new home right away.

-Press 5 if you have three dogs, had a baby and want to get rid of your dogs because you are the only person in the world to have a baby and dogs at the same time.

-Press 6 if your dog is sick and needs a vet but you need the money for your vacation.

-Press 7 if you just got a brand new puppy and your old dog is having problems adjusting so you want to get rid of the old one right away.

-Press 8 if your little puppy has grown up and is no longer small and cute and you want to trade it in for a new model.

-Press 9 if you are moving TODAY and need to immediately place your 150 pound, 8-year-old dog.

-Press 10 if you want an unpaid volunteer to come to your home TODAY and pick up the dog you no longer want.

-Press 11 if you have been feeding and caring for a "stray" for the last three years, are moving and suddenly determine it's not your dog.(or cat)

-Press 12 if you are calling at 6 a.m. to make sure you wake me up before I have to go to work so you can drop an animal off on your way to work.

-Press 13 if you are going to threaten to take your ten-year-old dog to be euthanized because we won't take it.

-Press 14 if you want one of our perfectly trained, housebroken, kid and cat friendly purebred tiny dogs that we have an abundance of.(Right!)

Press 15 if you want us to take your dog that has a slight aggression problem, i.e. has only bitten a few people and killed your neighbors' cats. (Because those dogs are easy to find homes for).

-Press 16 if you have already called once and been told we don't take personal surrenders but thought you would get a different person this time with a different answer.(This happens a lot).

-Press 17 if it is Christmas Eve or Easter morning and you want me to deliver an eight-week-old kitten to your house by 6:30 am before your kids wake up.

-Press 18 if you have bought your children a duckling, chick or baby bunny for Easter and it is now Christmas and no longer cute.

-Press 19 if you want us to take your female dog or cat who has already had ten litters, but we can't spay her because she is pregnant again and it is against your religion.

-Press 20 if you're lying to make one of our volunteers feel bad and take your personal pet off your hands.

-Press 21 if your cat is biting and not using the litter box because it was just de-clawed, but you are not willing to accept the responsibility that the cat's behavior is altered because of your nice furniture.

-Press 22 if your two-year-old male dog is marking all over your house but you just haven't gotten around to having him neutered.

-Press 23 if you previously had an indoor-only cat who got out and are calling because she is suddenly pregnant.

-Press 24 if you have done "everything" to housebreak your dog and have had no success but you don't want to crate the dog because it is cruel.

-Press 25 if you didn't listen to the message asking for an evening phone number and you left your work number when all volunteers are also working and you are angry because no one called you back.

-Press 26 if you need a kitten immediately and cannot wait because today is your daughter's birthday and you forgot when she was born.

-Press 27 if your new love doesn't like your cat and you are too stupid to get rid of the new friend (who will dump you in the next month anyway) instead of the cat.

-Press 28 if you went through all these presses and didn't hear enough. This press will connect you to the sounds of tears being shed by one of our volunteers who is holding a discarded old dog while the vet mercifully frees him from the grief of missing his family.

-Press 29 if you due to deliver in 2 weeks and you forgot that you were pregnant and have a dog that is aggressive toward kids and you only just NOW figured out that something should be done

WE SALUTE YOU, RESCUERS AND VOLUNTEERS!!! -Author Unknown

On a much more positive note...Thanks to all of you who have adopted cats and dogs in the last 2 weeks! We were having an unusually slow time despite Julie's tireless and selfless efforts. If you would like to adopt a kitten (yes we have kittens) or a wonderful adult cat, call 943-5083. We also know of some puppies and dogs looking for homes...Call for details.

Karen's Korner

Karen H. Clark, our Social Reporter, has sent us some rare and interesting photos. We thank her for helping us kick the Three River's News up a notch!!

Think of where the parking lot is now off Main street! How many years ago was this house torn down?



Now this can't be an old photo..wasn't it only yesterday that this sweet girl was sitting on Daddy's lap? It can't be possible she graduated last June!!



This

following photo is of the new voting machine at the Milo Town all dining room. Its purpose is to aid the hearing impaired and/or legally blind people. Shown in the photo are Betty



Harris instructing Jean Robinson in the proper use of the machine. No one wanted to use it! (In my opinion) In larger voting areas such as Bangor, Lewiston, Portland this is probably a great idea. In areas where there are less than 1500 registered voters.. paper ballots and absentee mail for voting will do just fine. Many people do not like to call attention to their physical handicaps and thus would be reluctant to use a new voting machine. Submitted by Karen H. Clark

This picture is of people playing cards at Quarry Pines in Brownville: It is a spin off from Thursday night when 45 played at the Alumni Building: Several members were unable to play on Thursdays so have chosen to play Tuesday at 9:30 am. The group invites anyone else who is interested in playing to just show up. It doesn't take long to learn the game. Often



the group chooses to lunch at a local restaurant after the card game:

This diverse group is some of the crew who were instrumental in preparing and serving the Veterans Dinner on Saturday. Shown are (from left to right), Janet Richards, who was #1 Assistant Cook and Bottle Washer. Next is Valerie Robertson looking Well-Fed and very happy. Who wouldn't be with such good helpers! Val has her arm around Aaron Ellis, a very able guy who just happened along and was promptly put to work. Val knows him from the time she spends substitute teaching at the Middle School. Next is Adam, Lois's nephew from Bangor, who not only was invaluable at the dinner, but also showed up to help peel potatoes and squash to prepare for the meal. His eagerness to help and beautiful hair prompted Janet to proclaim "You are sure more than just a pretty face!"

Next is Lois "Crash" Trask. Lois is a wonderful worker and so very cheery and able, but she seems to be a bit accident prone. She bumped her head and burned her hand and laughingly told the story of falling down at Duke University and



striking her head on a metal door. I was impressed with her ability to carry on despite her "injuries". If I was to award a Purple Heart for food preparation, Lois would receive it! Next

to her is Josh Dillon, Josh was the best Cream Whipper ever! He was also a force, carrying trays, serving food, and clearing tables. The last two girls were also troupers, doing the work of 10 people! Unfortunately I don't know their names...

Not shown in the picture is Nancy "McGiver" Harrigan. She took time off from her extensive home improvement project to prove herself to be the queen of invention, at times wielding a knife to perform duties on cans of cranberry sauce that left me shaking my head in amazement.

I want to thank Karen for providing this photo, and thank everyone involved who made the meal a success and more importantly, fun. Valerie



Phil and Ina Jane Gerow enjoyed the dinner even more because of the daughter Beth accompanying them!!



Brownville Jct. Three different fund raisings. The annual craft fair at B. Jct. Alumni Hall.



Another Fair at the American Legion Hall and still another annual event: the Quilters showing off their talent/skills which filled the Methodist church: Each offered lunch and door prizes...

The preceding photo shows Izzy Warren and Seth Barden of TRCMaine.org at the craft fair.

Sandra Haley with her baby knitting and crochet "gifts" Sandra has a wonderful selection of unique handmade items at her store, The Milo Flower Shop, on Main Street in Milo.

Quilts displayed covering the walls and church pews at the Methodist Church.

IN MEMORIAM

PHYLLIS E. MCLEAN

MILO - Phyllis E. (Joy) McLean, 79, wife of the late John Thomas "Tom" McLean, died unexpectedly Nov. 2, 2006, at her residence. She was born April 5, 1927, in Milo, the daughter of Perley E. and Lucinda (Sibley) Joy. Phyllis was a lifelong resident of Milo and had worked for many years at Hathaway Shirt Co. She and her husband had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. An excellent seamstress, she was known for her collection of many dolls and for the wardrobes and accessories she crafted for the dolls. She is survived by a son, Sheldon McLean and his wife, Martha, of Lincolnville Center; a sister, Glennis Timoney of Whittier, Calif.; a granddaughter, Molly McLean of Portland, Ore.; several brothers and sisters-in-law, many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by an infant daughter; a granddaughter, Sherry; four sisters and one brother. Services will be announced in the summer of 2007. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to their favorite charity. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Milo.