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ORDER YOUR SUPER BOWL SUBS NOW!!....

Once again Penquis Close Up is selling ham or salami Super Bowl subs to raise money for a trip to Washington, D.C., in March.

These sandwiches cost \$5.00 each and will be delivered by Penquis Close Up students to your home on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4, 2007. To order your subs please call one of the following Penquis Close Up students.



NATHAN DURANT	965 - 8828
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MIKE LAWSON	551 - 5896

HALEY FLANDERS	564 - 3900
KATIE PATTEN	943 - 8825
KRISTIN ROBINSON	943 - 2043
TRITAN SIMONIAN	971-732-5373

If you have any questions please call Russell Carey at 943 - 2473

THIS IS A HUGE FUNDRAISER FOR THESE KIDS, AND YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SIT HOME, WATCH THE GAME AND HELP A STUDENT GO TO WASHINGTON, DC.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP OVERSEE THE NEW AFTER-SCHOOL CHESS PROGRAM for GRADES 3 TO 8 ONE AFTERNOON A WEEK FOR EIGHT WEEKS, 2:30 TO 4:30 PROGRAM BEGINS AFTER FEBRUARY VACATION IF YOUR CHESS IS RUSTY OR YOU HAVE NEVER PLAYED, WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW!



PLEASE CALL ED TREWORGY 943-7748 IT'S ALL ABOUT KIDS!

PENQUIS VALLEY IDOL CONTEST



IF YOU CAN SING, HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHOW YOUR STYLE!

Who's got what it takes to be the 1st EVER **PENQUIS VALLEY IDOL ?**

February 23rd, 24th, and 25th at the Arts Center in the Milo Town Hall.

Participants must be part of the MSAD #41 community. Entry fee is a non-refundable \$10.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday, February 17th, at 2 pm.

Over \$500.00 in Cash Prizes,
1st Place \$250-2nd Place \$150-3rd Place \$50

Door prizes passed out all three nights!

Admission is \$3 and concessions will be available.

Please contact the Milo Recreation Department at 943-7326 for more info!



The Brownville Jct. American Legion Auxiliary will be at the Post Home on Saturday, Feb. 3rd from 10:00 am to 12:00 to give out free Vial of Life packets

to seniors who would like to have one. The VIAL OF LIFE packets are Emergency Medical Information for Rescue Squads. All medical information needed by emergency personnel is on the form. If you aren't able to give the information yourself, everything they need to know is in the information packet. You also receive a Bright Red Vial of Life sticker that goes on your door so the Emergency personnel know where to locate your medical info. If you live in Brownville/Brownville Jct. and would like one, but aren't able to get there to pick one up, call the Legion (965-1953) between the hours of 10 and 12 on the 3rd and one will be brought to you.

CABIN FEVER SPECIALS AT SERENDIPITY

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GOOD READS- HARD COVER \$2.00 (MANY BEST SELLERS) or PAPERBACKS .25

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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!

GRAMMIE'S WEATHER

January/February 1977

29-Partly sunny windy-8° at 7 am.

30-Mostly sunny-10° at 12 noon.

31-Mostly sunny L. wind-4° at 9:30 pm.

1-L snow blustery by times pm-30° at 12.

2-Sunny windy cold-2° at 6:45 pm.

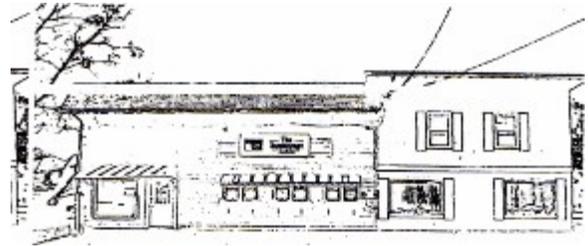
3-Sunny am Cloudy pm L snow in evening.

4-Sunny am M Cloudy pm-16° at 9:30 pm.

I would like to thank all who donated their time, food and items to the Brownville Days Buffet and Auction on January 20th. We raised \$450 (after expenses) for the celebration this summer. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Thanks again,

Felice Sickler- Committee Chair



THE RESTAURANT NEWS

Park Street, Milo

Open 7 days a week, for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

It's pasta week.....

- ***Monday 29th – Turkey ranch pasta***
- ***Tuesday 30th –Mac and cheese***
- ***Wednesday 31st Chop suey***
- ***Thursday February 1st Fettuccini Alfredo***
- ***Friday 2nd –Creamy scallops and bacon over pasta***
- ***Saturday 3rd – Pasta primavera***
- ***Sunday 4th –Spaghetti and meat sauce***

And don't forget to leave room for dessert! We have an amazing assortment of luscious sweets waiting for you. A great way to beat the winter blahs is to come in and sit for a spell with a

great cup of coffee, a delicious plate of food, exceptional service, and good friends.

If you see Kole on February 4th – Wish him a Happy 18th birthday !!!

AREA SCHOOL NEWS

Remember to clip the "Box Tops for Education" coupons and drop them off at your favorite school...each one is worth 10-cents!!

CONGRATUALIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS-- PENQUIS VALLEY SECOND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

SENIORS: HIGH HONORS-Andrew DeMaris, Krystle Leavitt, Jessica Metros

Honors: Tasha Badger, Amber Benoit, Chris Bessey, Kristen Burch, Sara Hoffman, Benjamin Ogden, Brittany Tweedie

Juniors Honors- Noah Bissell, Nathan Durant, Jennifer Goodine, Jessica Kahl, Melissa Lemik, Ryan Madden, Cheryl Roesing

Sophomores' Honors-Ryan Bailey, Adam Brewer, Joseph Leland, Emily Mills, Stephen Morse, Kelsey Ottman, Jonathan Spenser, Asa Sproul, Ashley Stanhope, Kayla Webb, Shane Woodard

Freshman High Honors: Rachel Emery

Honors: Justin Artus, Michelle Bucci, Morgan Hall, Corey Herbest, Ethan Herrell, Sara Lemik, Jesse McLaughlin, Zachery O'Quinn, Richie Russell

Eighth Grade High Honors: Joshua Bessey, Wesley Rouse, Spencer Traylor

Honors: Christina Bowden, Ricky Bradeen, Colby Brown, Miranda Conklin, Brooke McLaughlin, Kendra Newman, Justin Ottmann, Bryan Russell, Shelby Weston, Sadie Zambrano

Seventh Grade High Honors: Camille Cramer, Ashley Goodine, Ryan Heath, Shelby Patten, Stephanie Vachon

Honors: Kambrea Atkinson, Taylor Lovejoy, Shayne McSwine, Madeline Ruffin, Klay Stevens, Allison Valvo

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Kortnie Stone, Harmony Pierce and Rachael Baker were honored as Terrific Kids at our January 26 assembly. Miss Brown said that Kortnie is always terrific. She returns her books and homework each day. She fixes things up and makes sure it's perfectly fine. Miss K. said that Rachael wrote in her Journal on Monday that she was going to be Terrific Kid

this week. Rachael could write that in her Journal every week because she is always Terrific. She does her best on all of her assignments, gets her Planner signed each night and is



always very well behaved. Rachael is a kind friend and a big help to Miss K. during recess. Mrs. Carter said that Harmony is always on the list for Terrific Kids. She wanted to remind Harmony just how terrific she is every day. Harmony works from the moment she comes in until the bell rings at the end of the day. She is becoming a confident writer. Harmony is a great helper and a great friend.

Bus Awards: Andrew, Levi, Kendra

Artists of the Week: Codie, Michelle

Birthdays: Cassidy (9), Rebecca (10), Miss Laurie (40)??????????

Awesome Adult Award: Jen Stone Thank you Jen for all of the hard work you put into our Playground Fund Committee.

Caught Being Good Bags: Isaiah, Hailey, Bridgette, Rebecca, Justin

Due to our Early Release day on February 2, our assembly will begin at 10:15 that morning. Lunches will be served immediately after the assembly.

Upcoming Dates: Winter Carnival February 16, 12:30-150.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids and Adults!

A FEW GIRLS BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

Erica Lyford is looking for a pass from one of her team mates in the game vs. PCHS.





Freshman, Shelby Fowles sets to take a foul shot during the game vs. PCHS. Shelby has worked very hard to help the Lady Patriots.

Brownville's Terrific Kids



Shown here is Bill Sawtell presenting Principal Chris Beres his two newest books. Bill is currently working on a book about Lakeview and Schoodic. If you have any information on the history of either parts of the lake or better yet, photos, contact Bill at 965-3911 or write him at PO Box 272, Brownville ME, 04414. Bill welcomes anything you might want to tell him.



Principal Gordon Announces "Students of the Month"

The 'Student of the Month' award recognizes students for positive attitude, citizenship, character, leadership, honesty, respect, and responsibility. They are nominated by teachers, and the awards are chosen by a committee of staff members. The following were December's honorees.

FRONT ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT -- Shelby Patten, Drew Bellatty, Britnee Genthner, & Rachel Emery



BACK ROW - LEFT TO RIGHT -- Wesley Rouse, Shelby Weston, Nate Durant, Jessica Kahl, Ashlee Rideout, Andrew Demaris, Jimmy Gledhill, & Shawn Pullyard.

The Week in Rec.

From the Milo Recreation Department,
Submitted by John Pokrywka

Be sure to get your entry in for the PENQUIS VALLEY IDOL CONTEST-----

Bair's Driving School

Anyone 15 years old who would like to participate in Bair's Driving School can register in the office at PVHS or call the MRD at 943-7326. The orientation day for the class is February 24th, with the first class starting on February 27th.

Milo Recreation Department Fuel Raffle Tickets on Sale Now!!!!

There are raffle tickets on sale now to win 1 CORD OF FIREWOOD (cut, split and delivered), \$50 IN GAS CARDS, AND 10 BAGS OF PELLETS compliments of Heath's Firewood, McKusick's Petroleum, and Three Rivers Redemption and Feed. Tickets will be on sale at all PVHS home basketball games and through MRD, Meals for ME and Just Teasin.

Women's Volleyball to Begin January 29th

Any woman interested in playing volleyball on Mondays at the Milo Town Hall is required to register on Monday January 29th. You must be 16 years old to attend. **Please call the MRD at 943-7326 with any questions.**

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Doesn't it seem good to have a snow cover? Everything looks so clean and bright, at least for now. Of course, sometime in March everything will be so dingy. The weathermen have been getting excited about cold weather, and wind chills will be making us feel as if the weather were -25 below. I remember "way back when" we would have -20 and -25 for a week or so. Those were not wind chills but actual temperatures. Can you imagine what the wind chill would have driven those temperatures down to? I'm just as glad if we don't have those temperatures except as wind chill and only for a night. Brrrr!

This cold winter weather keeps many of us in the house, and a good activity to share with your child is reading. Some time ago I read of several ways to raise a reader and now would be a good time to start.

1. READ TO YOUR CHILD EVERYDAY. NO CHILD IS TOO YOUNG.
2. CONTINUE READING TO YOUR CHILD EVEN AFTER YOUR CHILD HAS LEARNED TO READ.
3. MAKE STORIES COME ALIVE BY USING DIFFERENT VOICES.
4. BE PATIENT. LET YOUR CHILD READ AT HIS/HER OWN PACE.
5. DISCUSS WHAT YOU READ TOGETHER. ASK QUESTIONS.
6. MAKE READING TIME CUDDLY & SPECIAL.
7. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO READ 15 MINUTES EVERY DAY.
8. TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY OFTEN.
9. READ ON YOUR OWN TIME. IF YOUR CHILD SEES YOU READING, HE/SHE WILL LEARN READING IS FUN.

This past week we received a box of backordered books from Baker & Taylor. They arrived just in time for warm winter reading inside.

Amis, Martin	HOUSE OF MEETINGS
Berry, Steve	THE ALEXANDRIA LINK
Cornwell, Bernard	LORDS OF THE NORTH
Grimes, Martha	DUST (Richard Jury)
Kellerman, Jesse	TROUBLE
Krentz, Jayne Ann	WHITE LIES
Lescroart, John	SUSPECT

We have also had several adult books donated by generous patrons. From Joel Vail we received *STEALING SHADOWS* by Kay Hooper. From Jackie Wood we received *SLAY BELLS* by Kate Kingsbury and *SCOOP* by Kit Frasier.

A few weeks ago Lysa Hummel told me she had ordered new juvenile magazines for our library. Two of them have arrived.

Thanks to Lysa our library now has Disney Adventure Magazine and Sports Illustrated KIDS. Come in to check out these new magazines.

This past week Pam and I also looked over a preview box from Penworthy, and we chose these juvenile books:

- HOT RODS
- RALLY CARS
- EXTREME NATURE (Amazing creatures)
- EXTREME STARS (Unbelievable space pictures)
- SCOOBY DOO-MONSTER MENACE
- SCOOBY DOO-THE SCARY SKATEBOARDER
- AROUND THE WORLD (Dora the Explorer)
- DIEGO SAVES THE TREE FROGS
- EARTH EVIDENCE
- HANDWRITING EVIDENCE
- INSECT EVIDENCE

These evidence books show how detectives and other police personnel go about gathering evidence to solve crimes. Pam suggested to me how well they would tie-in with our summer reading program *GET A CLUE @ YOUR LIBRARY*. I agreed with her. They will be interesting for all ages from grades 3-9. Pam and I found them very interesting.

Library Winter Hours

Mon. - Weds. - Fri. --- 2:00-8:00

Saturday 2:00-4:00

Telephone 943-2612

Italian Night At Valerie Jean's Bistro
On Sundays, you can enjoy your Italian favorites at Valerie Jean's on Main Street, Milo.

Menu for Feb. 4th and 11th.

Each meal is \$9.95 and includes a Caesar Salad and Foccacia Bread. For an entrée you may choose from the following:

- **Spaghetti With Meatballs**
- **Italian Sausage over Pasta with Mushrooms, Onions and Peppers**
- **Eggplant Parmesan over Spaghetti**
- **Fish Scampi (Lemon, Garlic and Butter Sauce) over our Homemade Fresh Pasta**

Reservations are strongly recommended. Call 943-7470 to ensure a spot!

M.S.A.D. #41 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU FEBRUARY 2007

Jan. 29-Cheese pizza, green beans, potato log, fruit, and milk every day.
30-Chicken noodle soup, bologna & cheese sandwich, winter blend, and vegetable.
31-Taco w. lettuce/tomato and rice pilaf.
Feb. 1- Groundhog Day -Cheeseburger, French fries, broccoli, and birthday cake.
2- Early Release -Combo sandwich (ham, turkey, cheese & pickles), baby carrots and popcorn.
5-Chicken burger, peas and potato wedge.
6-BLT, cheese stick, cuke slices and pretzels.
7-Lasagna rollups with meat sauce, garden salad, garlic roll and M&M cookie.
8-Egg McMuffin, juice and hash brown.
9-Breadsticks, sauce/cheese and mixed vegg.
12-Popcorn fish tenders, coleslaw, whipped potato and dinner roll.
13-Baked glazed ham, mac & cheese, California blend veggies and bread slice.
14- Valentine's Day -Breakfast pizza, carrot coins, fresh fruit and ice cream cup.
15-Sloppy Joe on a homemade roll, whole kernel corn and pudding/topping.
16-Deli turkey sandwich w/cheese & pickles, vitamin sticks, juice box and teddy grahams.
19-23-Enjoy Your Vacation!
26-Teriyaki nuggets, scallop potatoes, beets and dinner roll.
27-Italian, peas/carrots and rice pilaf.
28-Tomato soup, crackers, chicken salad sandwich and pickle spear.
March 1-Chicken & gravy, mashed potato, hot carrots, apple crisp and dinner roll.

Editors Note: I put the lunch menu on the back page so it could be clipped out and posted. Now that I am substitute teaching, I can appreciate the delicious food from the cafeteria, and I like knowing what treats to expect at lunchtime!! Cheese Pizza on Monday...ummmm!

PAWS NEWS



By Valerie Robertson

Everyone at PAWS (Especially Sandy Smart!) would like to thank Alan Monroe and the kids in his life skills class for all their help on Thursdays. We appreciate them and the cats love to see them each week, You are a wonderful bunch of students and we are so lucky you are a part of the PAWS family.

Prince would also like to say thanks. Prince is one of our wonderful kitties who would like to have a forever home, Call Julie at 943-5083.

On a different note, on Thursday after noon, around 2:45, as I was heading to the shelter I noticed a vehicle leaving the driveway. I didn't pay too much attention, but did have to wait as the dark car pulled out of the driveway and went up towards town. As those of you who live in the area can attest to, as the sun is setting, the view towards the river from Clinton Street a giant glare of sunlight. I thought the driver was probably one of the girls who volunteer and paid no attention, just smiled and waved as the car sped by me.

When I entered the porch at the shelter, I spied a box closed with duct tape and immediately realized that the driver of the car was in such a hurry because she had been caught leaving an animal on the shelter porch. I wanted to chase her, but I had to see to whatever was in the box before I did. Those of you who know me know that I am hugely dumb when it comes to recognizing cars or the drivers. I did want to go looking while the image of the car was somewhat fresh in my mind. But I didn't have a lot to go on.

I lifted the box and took it inside. I opened the box and there sat the two prettiest long-haired kitties you would ever be lucky enough to see. (OK, I admit I might say that about every animal I see.) One was grey and white, the other black and white. I prepared them a space, gave them food and water, then headed out to look for the car. I didn't have a lot to go on, but I went to each business in town and checked the parking lot, then if I saw a car that could possibly match my vague recollection, I would go into the store and look for a person who could be my mystery woman. Needless to say, despite my incredible detective skills, I fell short in my

investigation. I rode and rode looking for the car and spent 3 hours trying to come upon her, but didn't.

Julie went over to see the new guys and immediately realized that one of the "guys" was a gal.. and very pregnant. Whoops, both are female. Perhaps just one of the points the owner could have mentioned had she bothered to leave a note. What some people do is beyond what I can imagine. Coincidentally, the person who left us two cats, one pregnant, left no money to help with their care, but the box and its contents smelled strongly of cigarette smoke. Apparently given the choice between cigarettes or contributing money to the care of her pets, the decision was easy. Out of Sight, Out of Mind.

What I'm Reading...

By Valerie Robertson

First of all, I want to make sure you all take note of the tips from Judy in her library column this week. The suggestions on making reading to children more fun are great.

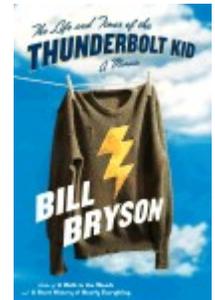
This past week I read a book recommended to me by Judy at the Milo Free Public Library. It has been a while since I read a non-fiction book; my taste usually runs to the Science/Medical mystery genre, such as Patricia Cromwell

and Stephen King. I admire Judy and her sense of humor, so when she told me her face hurt from laughing as she read the book I grabbed it. The book was titled **The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid** by **Bill Bryson**. What a humorous, nostalgic and whimsical read Mr. Bryson's book is. I found it a great way to spend the half-hour or so before I drop off to sleep. It made what I remember of my dreams much lighter and more cheerful than the ones I usually remember, so I guess that is a great residual of the lighter reading.

When I read the synopsis of the book on its dust jacket, my first thought was that I was too young to enjoy the period of time covered by the author. Mr. Bryson starts by saying he was born in 1951, so I imagined that my much later birth year of 1955 would make many of the anecdotes "before my time". What I came to realize was the period from 1950-1960 was a time when most of us small town denizens were sharing and experiencing basically the same wonderful events.

So many of Mr. Bryson's memories could be my own memories. During the years he recalled, I was serving time in the armed forces, the Army to be exact. I spent 1960-1962 in Amburg, Germany, 1962-1965 in Killeen Texas, then back to Kaiserslautern Germany until 1967. We returned to Milo and here I have been, except for the mid '70's, when Kirby and I lived in Bangor. My Bryson spent his formative years in rural Iowa, which I believe is an oxymoron, as it seems Iowa IS rural, much like Maine. The similarities between his youth experiences and mine, in fact most of us, is amazing and amusing. While reading this book I was constantly remembering similar events in my life, or in the stories Kirby has told of his own young years. Kirby was born in 1952, so is MUCH closer in age to the author.

The first event that caused me to say "Holy Batpoop!" was realizing he too had participated in a playtime ritual that has caused me a lot of restless nights wondering about my insides. He, like me, spent many summer days with his friends



frolicking in the fog created by the vehicles that rumbled through our neighborhoods dispersing giant clouds of DDT pesticide to clear our streets of nasty bugs. What wasn't considered at the time was that along with eradicating every moving pest, the noxious mist was also killing generations of any living thing it was sprayed on. We kids chose to run inside this poison cloud as if daring cancer to invade our lungs and livers. I guess the jury is still out on two aspects of this behavior. 1-what damage did we do to ourselves? And 2-how much fun could it have actually been?

Food and its impact or relevance during the 50's and 60's is another similar memory he and I share. Many of the meals of which he and his family partook reminded me of mealtime at my Grammie Stanchfield's house. There were so many wondrous culinary delights to investigate that just watching the commercials on TV set one's head to spinning. He remembers...

"Like most people in Iowa in the 1950s, we were more cautious eaters in our house. On the rare occasions when we were presented with food with which we were not comfortable or familiar — on planes or trains or when invited to a meal cooked by someone who was not herself from Iowa — we tended to tilt it up carefully with a knife and examine it from every angle as if it determining whether it might need to be defused. Once on a trip to San Francisco my father was taken by friends to a Chinese restaurant and he described it to us afterwards in the somber tones of someone recounting a near-death experience.*

"And they eat it with sticks, you know," he added knowledgeably.

"Goodness!" said my mother.

"I would rather have gas gangrene than go through that again," my father added grimly.

In our house we didn't eat:

• pasta, rice, cream cheese, sour cream, garlic, mayonnaise, onions, corned beef, pastrami, salami, or foreign food of any type, except French toast;

• bread that wasn't white and at least 65 percent air;

• spices other than salt, pepper and maple syrup;

• fish that was any shape other than rectangular and not coated in bright orange breadcrumbs, and then only on Fridays and only when my mother remembered it was Friday, which in fact was not often;

• seafood of any type but especially seafood that looked like large insects;

• soups not blessed by Campbell's and only a very few of those;

• anything with dubious regional names like "pone," or "gumbo" or foods that had at any time been an esteemed staple of slaves or peasants.

All other foods of all types — curries, enchiladas, tofu, bagels, sushi, couscous, yogurt, kale, rocket,(a green), Parma ham, any cheese that was not a vivid bright yellow and shiny enough to see your reflection in — had either not yet been invented or was yet unknown to us. We really were radiantly unsophisticated. I remember being surprised to learn at quite an advanced age that a shrimp cocktail was not, as I had always imagined, a pre-dinner alcoholic drink with a shrimp in it.

All our meals consisted of leftovers. My mother had a seemingly inexhaustible supply of foods that had already been to the table, sometimes many times. Apart from a few perishable dairy products, everything in the fridge was older

than I was, sometimes by many years. (Her oldest food possession of all, it more or less goes without saying, was a fruitcake that was kept in a metal tin and dated from the colonial period.) I can only assume that my mother did all of her cooking in the 1940s so that she could spend the rest of her life surprising herself with what she could find under cover at the back of the fridge. I never knew her to reject a food. The rule of thumb seemed to be that if you opened the lid and the stuff inside didn't make you actually recoil and take at least one staggered step backwards, it was deemed OK to eat.

Both of my parents had grown up in the Great Depression and neither of them ever threw anything away if they could possibly avoid it. My mother routinely washed and dried paper plates, and smoothed out for reuse spare aluminum foil. If you left a pea on your plate, it became part of a future meal. All our sugar came in little packets spirited out of restaurants in deep coat pockets, as did our jams, jellies, crackers (oyster and saltine), tartar sauces, some of our ketchup and butter, all of our napkins, and a very occasional ashtray; anything that came with a restaurant table really. One of the happiest moments in my parents' life was when maple syrup started to be served in small disposable packets and they could add those to the household hoard.

**In fact like most other people in America. It is perhaps worth noting that the leading American food writer of the age, Duncan Hines, author of the hugely successful Adventures in Eating, declared with pride that he never ate food with French names if he could possibly help it. Hines's other boast was that he did not venture out of America until he was seventy years old, when he made a trip to Europe. He disliked nearly everything he found there, especially the food."*

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I heartily recommend that any Baby Boomer, their parents, their children or anyone who can read, to go to the Milo Free Public Library and check this wonderful read out. Nothing makes a cold winter's day nice like a good book, and this is a GREAT book.

Editors Note: We welcome any reviews of books that have made an impression on readers.

IN MEMORIAM

GEORGE E. BADGER SR.

MILO - George E. Badger Sr., 71, husband of the late Carolyn Badger, passed away Jan. 20, 2007, surrounded by his loving family at a Dover-Foxcroft hospital. He was born Aug. 14, 1935, in Atkinson, the son of George Everett and Evelyn (Larry) Badger. He had worked most of his life as a woodsman and especially enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by two sons, George Jr. and Sally, and Everett and Michele, all of Milo; a daughter, Ella Lyford and Gary of LaGrange; two brothers, David Badger of Bradford and Edmund Badger of LaGrange; two sisters, Elizabeth Danforth of Howland and Florence Champeon of Lowell; four grandchildren, Carolyn Clukey and Wade of Enfield, Heather Badger and Tracy Cookson of Harmony, Teresa Hall and Bill of Milo, and Corey Lyford and Julie Wilcox of Sebec; five great-grandchildren, Morgan, Taylor, Kendra, Alec, and Austin; several nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by a special sister-in-law, Betty Davis; and many other friends and family who loved him. Spring burial will be in the family lot at Greenwood Cemetery, Atkinson.

RAYMOND 'DING' C. ROBERTS

BROWNVILLE JUNCTION Raymond "Ding" C. Roberts, 76, husband of Nora M. (Gifford) Roberts, died Jan. 23, 2007, at a Dover-Foxcroft hospital. He was born April 18, 1930, in Onawa, the son of Coburn George and Eula A. (Perry) Roberts. A graduate of Monson Academy, Class of 1947, he had served with the U.S. Army in Korea. He had been employed by the Canadian-Pacific Railroad as a conductor. He was a member of the North American Hunting Club and Bernard Jones American Legion Post No. 92. Ding was an avid hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman and lover of nature. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Nora of Brownville Junction; two sons, Randy Scott and his life companion, Cindy; and Michael Forrest, all of Brownville Junction; three daughters, Rhonda Backus and her life companion, Darrell, of Brownville Junction; Patricia King and her husband, Michael, of Elliotville; and Kelly Bickford and her husband, William, of Brownville Junction; a brother, Robert Roberts and his wife, Beverly, of Monson; a sister, Patricia McSorley and her husband, LeRoy, of Elliotville; a special brother-in-law, Lewis Gifford of Eastham, Mass.; four grandchildren, Tera Guthrie and her husband, Joshua, Cortney Lyford, Michael Lee King II and Hanna Backus; several aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a brother, William. Spring burial will be at Pine Tree Cemetery, Brownville Junction. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to the Raymond C. Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund, care of Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 447, Milo, ME 04463.

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Twelve members of Three Rivers Kiwanis were welcomed on Wed. morning, January 24, by President Ethelyn Treworgy. An interclub from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis included Andy Hinckley, Bob Moore, Harold "Doc" Sherman, and Pres. Hoyt Fairbrother. Penquis Valley Key Club members Katie LaMunyon and Jessica Kahl also visited.

Eben DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ed Treworgy offered the morning prayer.

Happy Dollars were given for Jim doing a good job of speakers for the month and a sad dollar was given for Herb who is having foot problems.

There was a reminder that Wed., Jan 31, is a Fifth Wednesday and is an EVENING meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Lois Trask. This will be a social evening with refreshments and a Yankee Swap. Please let Lois know if you plan to attend.

Pres. Ethelyn relayed some of the highlights of the Division 2 Council meeting hosted by Lt. Gov. Brenda Kelley in Dover on Jan. 22. Brenda emphasized the importance of trying to send some Key Club members to their district convention, the Red Jacket Program for Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute and the Hap Gerrish Registry. Previously the Red Jacket program involved just the KPTI, but now your donation can be earmarked also for the Hap Gerrish Registry. (Learn more about this at www.newenglandkiwanis.org). Another item covered was the Kiwanis One Day on April 7th at which time all Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to participate in a community service project.

Speaker Chair Virgil Valente announced that upcoming speakers for February would be

Feb. 7 - Nancy Grant - The Penquis Library

Feb. 14 - Business Meeting

Feb. 21 - Virgil Valente - The Milo Board of Trade

Feb. 28 - Penquis Valley Key Club

Jim Macomber introduced Eileen McAvoy, Division Manager of the Resource Development Center, and a part of Penquis Community Action Program. RDC, which is a free service, was established in 1988 to promote quality, accessible child care services in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties. Ms. McAvoy works with child care providers in our area who need assistance and support for training, licensing, and support in providing quality child care, whether it be in a child care center or in the home. They are also a resource for parents who are searching for certified or licensed child care or need assistance on the financial end of child care.

There are currently 14 in-home child care providers in Piscataquis County, 4 pre-school programs, 23 legally exempt providers, and 3 Head Start programs. Ms. McAvoy described the licensing procedure, which is very comprehensive and remarked that there is a need for care providers for infants and also for evenings and weekend care.

Information is also available to employers and communities about meeting child care needs for employees. An extensive resource library includes child development books, activity books and business information. Books and videos are also available for parents and providers.

Thank you, Eileen, for a very information presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Lois Trask, Sec.

Attention Kiwanians!!!

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There will be a social gathering with a variety of appetizers and beverages followed by a Yankee Swap and dessert. There will be a brief meeting, also.

Please bring a wrapped gift for the swap and if you have a particular beverage you wish to bring, please do so.

Spouses, guests and potential new members are welcomed, too.