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Good luck at the State Finals on February 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Bangor Auditorium !



## Congratulations!

to the Penquis Cheerleaders for a job well done at the Eastern Maine Regional competition last Saturday.

They won sixth place in a very closely scored competition. This gives them the opportunity to represent our school at the state competition on February 10th in Bangor. Come support our girls! They will be selling tee shirts to show Penquis spirit, \$10 each.

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!**

## 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 17<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm.**

**CABIN FEVER SPECIALS AT SERENDIPITY  
ELM STREET IN MILO  
JIGSAW PUZZLES- AWESOME ASSORTMENT \$1.00  
each !!!!  
GOOD READS- HARD COVER \$2.00 (MANY BEST  
SELLERS) or PAPER BACKS .25  
NEW MERCHANDISE EVERYDAY!!!!  
OPEN MON\_THURS\_FRI and SAT  
9:00AM to 4:00PM**

**We would like to thank Austin Fogg for catching a mistake that made it by 3 grown-ups!! He is the best proofreader we have!! (He noticed the date said "2006" instead of "2007" !**

## FOSTER GRANDPARENTS PROGRAM

The Foster Grandparent Program is expanding stipend volunteer opportunities in the Milo area. The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for seniors, age 60 and older, who love children and have 3-5 mornings a week to offer.

Foster Grandparents volunteer in schools, Head Starts or non profit child care centers helping the children who need that "little extra" love and attention.

Foster Grandparents receive a stipend of \$2.65 an hour which will not affect any federal, state or local benefit or entitlement including: Social Security, SSI, food stamps, rent subsidies, fuel assistance, etc. Benefits also include paid holidays, and paid time off and training.

For more information on how to become a Foster Grandparent call 973-3684 or 1-800-215-4942 or email us at [gdorman@penquiscap.org](mailto:gdorman@penquiscap.org) The Foster Grandparent Program is a program of Penquis CAP, Inc. and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

***The Milo Garden Club will hold its February meeting at the Town Hall at 1 p.m. on the 13th. Program will be speaker Jensen Bissell on Baxter State Park. Visitors are welcome. Call 943-2486.***

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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!

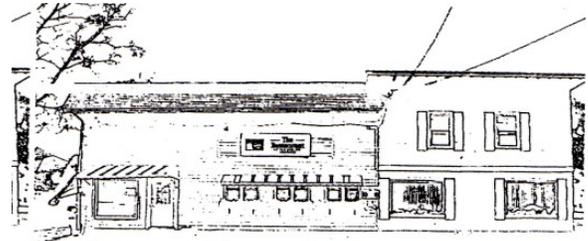
### SENATOR COLLINS INTRODUCES PROPOSAL TO INCREASE, MAKE PERMANENT THE TEACHER TAX CREDIT

Senator Collins Authored Original Law, Has Worked to Expand Tax Credit for Teachers

WASHINGTON, DC – Senator Susan Collins today was joined by Senator John Warner (R-VA) in introducing an amendment in the U.S. Senate that will expand to \$400 per year and make permanent an above-the-line tax deduction to teachers who spend their own money on school supplies. Senator Collins authored the original law that currently allows teachers to deduct up to \$250 per year. Senator Collins' amendment expands that amount, makes permanent the tax deduction, and allows school teachers to also deduct expenses related to professional development. According to the National Education Association, teachers in Maine and throughout the nation spend, on average, \$443 a year on classroom supplies.

"So often, teachers in Maine and throughout the country spend their own money to improve the classroom experiences of their students. Indeed, I have spoken to dozens of teachers in Maine who tell me that they routinely spend far in excess of the current deduction limit of \$250 on materials they use in their classroom," said Senator Collins during a speech to the Senate.

Senator Collins cited the example of Anita Hopkins, an Elementary School teacher from Augusta, who estimates that she spends \$800 to \$1,000 of her own money each year on extra materials to help make learning fun and stimulating for her students.



In addition, Senator Collins' amendment would allow teachers to include in the deduction expenses related to professional development. "Teachers in Maine repeatedly tell me that they need, and want, more professional development. But tight school budgets often make funds to support this development impossible to get. While this tax relief provides modest assistance to educators, it is my view that students are the ultimate beneficiary," said Senator Collins.

Senator Collins added, "This amendment is a small but appropriate means of recognizing our teachers for a job well done." Her amendment has been endorsed by the National Education Association and was offered as part of minimum wage increase legislation. Senator Collins is working to ensure that her proposal is included in the final version of the bill.

## THE RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Tuesday 6th – Waldorf salad with a croissant

Wednesday 7th – Try our 'new' taco burger today

Thursday 8th – Chicken quesadilla will warm you up

Friday 9th – Buy our 6oz Sirloin tips and get the additional 3oz for a buck

Saturday 10th – Try our oriental chicken burger with fries

Sunday 11th – Turkey dinner with the fixin's

Stop by and see us sometime soon!

Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day  
specials (Available after 4pm)

PRIME RIB

CHICKEN CORDON BLEU

BAKED STUFFED SHRIMP AND SCALLOPS

Special appetizers will be available

Reservations are recommended!

Reserve your table by February 12<sup>th</sup> and get a

Blueberry strudel dessert for FREE

Call today 943-7432

### **Italian Night At Valerie Jean's Bistro**

**On Sunday, you can enjoy your Italian favorites  
at Valerie Jean's on Main Street, Milo.**

**Menu for February 11<sup>th</sup> :**

**Each meal is \$9.95 and includes a Caesar  
Salad and Focaccia 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!**

**Valerie Jeans will be open on  
Valentines Day serving:**

**Dinner for 2**

**\$95 excluding tax and gratuity**

**Your choice of: Lobster Biscue, Roasted Butternut  
Squash ravioli with Sage Butter or Clams Casino**

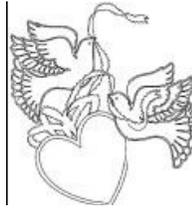
**Then a House Salad followed by your choice of:**

- Roasted Beef Tenderloin w/mushroom demi-  
glace,
- Crabmeat Stuffed Baked Jumbo Shrimp,
- Roasted Vegetable topped Potato Pancake  
with Horseradish Aioli.
- Chicken Strudel, (Poached Breast meat, Brie  
Cheese, Olive tapenade wrapped in Phyllo,)
- Grilled Salmon with Blood Orange Beurre  
Blanc,

**And a Chocolate Sampler Dessert Tray.**

**Included is a Champagne Toast...as always, you must  
reserve your table in advance by calling**

**Melissa at 943-7470**



## **TAMMY, AT THE HEAD SHOP...**

**5 ELM STREET IN MILO,  
WOULD LIKE TO REMIND  
ALL OF YOU**

**FELLOWS, THAT A TANNING PACKAGE  
OR GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR A NEW  
HAIRCUT OR PERM MAKES AN  
AWESOME GIFT FOR YOUR SWEETIE  
ON VALENTINES DAY!!!**

**CALL 943-2519 FOR MORE DETAILS**

**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!!*

Kendra Cross, Dylan Rozelle and Jordan Prendergast were honored as Terrific Kids at our February 2 assembly. Miss K. said that Kendra is a wonderful young lady. While waiting for the late bus, Kendra works in every classroom helping the teachers to prepare for the next day. She is a hard worker and does her best to get her assignments completed each day. Kendra is a good friend and a joy to have in the classroom.

Miss Brown said that Jordan is a very thoughtful girl. She always thinks about answers before raising her hand. She has a beautiful smile and is enthusiastic about learning. Miss Brown can always count on Jordan to follow the rules in class and on the playground. She is a great classroom helper and a good friend to everyone. Jordan works very carefully and always tries her hardest on all of her jobs. Jordan faithfully returns homework and books, and she will work to make sure that all work is done correctly. Miss Brown is proud of Jordan and all of the progress she has made this year.

Mrs. Carter reported that Dylan has been trying very hard to be terrific. He is learning to make good choices to keep himself out of trouble. He is an excellent math student, and in reading he is improving on slowing down and reading for meaning. He has worked especially hard this week on his reading log work and his writing has been wonderful!

Bus Students of the Week: April, Jacob, Dakota

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



"The Twist" was the action at the end of the day for these 5th graders. Chubby Checker would have been proud.



**Milo Elementary Terrific Kids**



What a great opportunity the 5th and 6th grades have during PE class. Mrs. Russell is taking them snowshoeing in the trails behind Brownville Elementary. It was cold but bright and the students really enjoyed the outing.



Mikki Lovejoy is passing out a pioneer snack she made for the



class. They are studying the Westward Movement in Brownville and Mikki made some corn fritters for everyone to try.

Brownville Elementary School held their assembly on Thursday February 1, 2007 with many parents, grandparents and friends in attendance. Receiving Terrific Kids Awards this week were Faith Sickler in Kindergarten, Mary Anne Devine in First Grade, Chip Garland in Second Grade, Alyssa Murano in Third Grade, Dylan Lalime in Fourth Grade, Nicole Padilla in Fifth Grad and Rachel Worster in Sixth Grade. Birthdays were celebrated and Caught Being Good prizes were awarded.



## Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Early this week we had a Home-Schooling family come to the library. A mother brought in her four children of whom the two oldest boys needed help that only a library could provide. They needed to see the Dewey Decimal System up close and personal. The mother encouraged her two youngest children to enter our delightful children's area while I helped her and the two older boys find answers to their questions. Her first question was, "Did we use the Dewey Decimal System?" I could answer that with a firm "Yes". Our non-

fiction section under Grace Clapp, the second library director, was well strengthened as she worked hard to acquire non-fiction which she catalogued under the Dewey System that the library has used ever since. The boys had answered questions in their workbooks, but I took them downstairs to our non-fiction stacks to see books on the shelves in Dewey Decimal System order. The boys had to note the title, author and the DDS number from each section of numbers 100-900. I pointed out subjects in each section that would be of interest to boys of that age. For example, 100 contains psychology, 200 religion, 300 true crime, 400 dictionaries and foreign languages, 500 science or wild animals, 600 medicine, 700 sports, 800 literature and 900 adventure. I left them to it and have no idea what titles they chose.

Their next question to be answered was, "What was the Newbery Award and what books had been chosen through the years?" I found this answer in the World Almanac 2007 which we keep in our juvenile section upstairs. Again they set to work on their assignments. I was very glad the library was able to be of help to this Home Schooling family.

While I was helping this family with their questions, Pam was helping an older patron on the computer. She patiently led the patron through the steps for her to accomplish what she had wanted to learn. Pam is very patient and has given computer help to several adults. Remember we do have four computers for patrons. If you wish help, give us a call, and we will try to give you an idea of the best time to come into the library. Two o'clock is usually a good time any day we are open. Please take advantage of the services your local library offers.

Last fall our substitute librarian roster decreased as Monica and Victoria started their new store-The Curiosity Shops on Elm Street. The town office placed an ad in a local free newspaper, and we received several applications. We conducted interviews with those we thought would fit our needs best and chose three: Melody Carey, Susan Duedall, and Dearle Flint. Those of you who come to the library regularly will be getting acquainted with these ladies off and on and especially in the summer when Pam and I will be taking vacations.

Again we have had back-ordered books arrive. They are as follows:-

Crusie, Jennifer	MANHUNTING
Delinsky, Barbara	FAMILY TREE
Davies, Peter Ho	THE WELSH GIRL
Martin, Stephen NF	A WITCH IN THE FAMILY
Myers, Tamar	HELL HATH NO CURRY
Parker, Robert B.	HIGH PROFILE (Jesse Stone)
Phillips, Susan Elizabeth	NATURAL BORN CHARMER
Roberts, Gillian	ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS

From the Junior Library Guild this month we have received the following books.

Mass, Wendy	JEREMY FINK AND THE MEANING OF LIFE
Shafer, Audrey	THE MAILBOX
Klages, Ellen	THE GREEN GLASS SEA

**Please Note the Library Will Be Closed On MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, For Presidents' Day**

The Penquis boys beat Foxcroft on Saturday. They hope to make another appearance at the Bangor Auditorium during tournament week.

## THREE RIVERS KIWANIS -MILO-BROWNVILLE

Eight members of Three Rivers Kiwanis gathered on Wed. evening, Jan. 31, at the home of Lois Trask for a social gathering/meeting. Guests present included Dover Kiwanians Pres. Hoyt Fairbrother, Bonnie Guyotte, Tim Hague, and Lilly Weatherbee with their guests Cheryl Fairbrother and Grace Hague.

After enjoying appetizers and beverages, everyone participated in a humorous version of a Yankee Swap, which generated lots of laughs. The evening concluded with dessert and coffee. All who attended enjoyed a good time.

The speaker for Feb. 7 will be Nancy Grant from PVHS speaking on the Library. Feb. 14 will be a business meeting and on Feb. 21, Virgil Valente will speak about the former Milo Board of Trade. Lois Trask, Sec.

**Paws would like to thank another generous soul for donating to us. Kenneth MacKinnon sent a donation to Nancy Belvin in memory of her mother Ineta MacDonald and Nancy designated it to PAWS. Thanks to you both!!**

## Curiosity Notes

By Victoria Eastman

This year began a weekly set of new experiences from snowstorms, school delays, cars not wanting to start or slippery sidewalks and snow-piled parking spaces.

Our store was closed due to the storm on January 19. It was wonderful for us to stay home and play with our children. We apologize to anyone who did venture forth to our shop. Please call 943-3014 or 943-2400 or both to be certain we are here before you go out on a "storm day."

On Tuesday, Jan 23, my little boy was not well enough to go to school, -After taping a note to the store door saying we would be open later, Monica was able to come in at 11:00. There is nothing like a new experience to help a person see another point of view. It was wonderful to be able to be with my son. How do other mothers who don't have someone to call for child care manage when their children are ill and missing work is not an option? I must thank Monica, her two daughters, Diana Rose and Bekka for covering for me. That



was a long day for the two little girls to spend with their Mommy at work.

Upon my return on the 24<sup>th</sup> I discovered new consignments had been brought in. We have more lovely glassware-cruets, candle holders, salt and peppers, bake ware, ornaments, toys and more. Some days are like Christmas or birthdays-we love seeing what people bring in and enjoy shopping here, as well.

On a final note, we want to express our relief and happiness to Val on the return of her dog. Thank God. And congratulations on your new additions to the family...thanks to Kierra's adventure.

Editors Note: How nice! I have been to The Curiosity Shops and I am always fascinated by the variety and uniqueness of the items. There is nothing like a small-town store to make buying that much more fun!!

### GRAMMIE'S WEATHER

February 1992

5-Snow in night windy Clouding up pm dusting of snow.

6-Sunny-6° in the pm.

7-Some sun snow flurries in pm.

8-Cloudy snow flurries 4 or 5 in.

9-M cloudy/pm blowing snow windy.

10-Sunny cold-14° at noon.

11-Fair windy/L. snow evening.

## Two Choices

**Editors Note: This is a forward I received from one of my Animal Rescue friends. I think it is a great story, even if it isn't about animals!**

What would you do?...you make the choice. Don't look for a punch line, there isn't one. Read it anyway. My question is: Would you have made the same choice?

At a fundraising dinner for a school that serves learning-disabled children, the father of one of the students delivered a speech that would never be forgotten by all who attended. After extolling the school and its dedicated staff, he offered a question: "When not interfered with by outside influences, everything nature does is done with perfection. Yet my son, Shay, cannot learn things as other children do. He cannot understand things as other children do. Where is the natural order of things in my son?"

The audience was stilled by the query.

The father continued. "I believe that when a child like Shay, physically and mentally handicapped comes into the world, an opportunity to realize true human nature presents itself, and it comes in the way other people treat that child."

Then he told the following story:

Shay and his father had walked past a park where some boys Shay knew were playing baseball. Shay asked, "Do you think they'll let me play?" Shay's father knew that most of the boys would not want someone like Shay on their team, but the father also understood that if his son were allowed to play, it would give him a much-needed sense of belonging and some confidence to be accepted by others in spite of his handicaps.

Shay's father approached one of the boys on the field and asked (not expecting much) if Shay could play. The boy looked around for guidance and said, "We're losing by six runs and the game is in the eighth inning. I guess he can be on our team and we'll try to put him in to bat in the ninth inning."

Shay struggled over to the team's bench and, with a broad smile, put on a team shirt. His Father watched with a small tear in his eye and warmth in his heart. The boys saw the father's joy at his son being accepted. In the bottom of the eighth inning, Shay's team scored a few runs but was still behind by three. In the top of the ninth inning, Shay put on a glove and played in right field. Even though no hits came his way, he was obviously ecstatic just to be in the game and on the field, grinning from ear to ear as his father waved to him from the stands. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Shay's team scored again. Now, with two outs and the bases loaded, the potential winning run was on base and Shay was scheduled to be next at bat.

At this juncture, do they let Shay bat and give away their chance to win the game? Surprisingly, Shay was given the bat. Everyone knew that a hit was all but impossible because Shay didn't even know how to hold the bat properly, much less connect with the ball.

However, as Shay stepped up to the plate, the pitcher, recognizing that the other team was putting winning aside for this moment in Shay's life, moved in a few steps to lob the ball in softly so Shay could at least make contact. The first pitch came and Shay swung clumsily and missed. The pitcher again took a few steps forward to toss the ball softly towards Shay. As the pitch came in, Shay swung at the ball and hit a slow ground ball right back to the pitcher.

The game would now be over. The pitcher picked up the soft grounder and could have easily thrown the ball to the first baseman. Shay would have been out and that would have been the end of the game.

Instead, the pitcher threw the ball right over the first baseman's head, out of reach of all team mates. Everyone from the stands and both teams started yelling, "Shay, run to first! Run to first!" Never in his life had Shay ever run that far, but he made it to first base. He scampered down the baseline, wide-eyed and startled.

Everyone yelled, "Run to second, run to second!" Catching his breath, Shay awkwardly ran towards second, gleaming and struggling to make it to the base. By the time Shay rounded towards second base, the right fielder had the ball ... the smallest guy on their team who now had his first chance to be the hero for his team. He could have thrown the ball to the second-baseman for the tag, but he understood the pitcher's intentions so he, too, intentionally threw the ball high and far over the third-baseman's head. Shay ran toward third base deliriously as the runners ahead of him circled the bases toward home.

All were screaming, "Shay, Shay, Shay, all the Way Shay!"

Shay reached third base because the opposing shortstop ran to help him by turning him in the direction of third base, and shouted, "Run to third! Shay, run to third!"

As Shay rounded third, the boys from both teams, and the spectators, were on their feet screaming, "Shay, run home! Run home!" Shay ran to home, stepped on the plate, and was cheered as the hero who hit the grand slam and won the game for his team.

"That day", said the father softly with tears now rolling down his face, "the boys from both teams helped bring a piece of true love and humanity into this world".

Shay didn't make it to another summer. He died that winter, having never forgotten being the hero and

making his father so happy, and coming home and seeing  
his Mother tearfully embrace her little hero of the day!

A wise man once said every society is judged by  
how it treats it's least fortunate amongst them.

**May your day be a Shay Day.**