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MOOSEHEAD EMPLOYEES BENEFIT AND CELEBRATION FOXCROFT ACADEMY GYM

SUNDAY MARCH 25, 2007---3:00 p.m. SUGGESTED DONATION---\$10.00

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If interested please contact Thelma Regan at 207-564-6525 and send letter of interest, resume, and application to PVAEC, 69 High Street, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine 04426. Search open until suitable candidate is found.



The Penquis Travel team finished in 2nd place, losing to Millinocket 35-33 in a barn burner in the championship game on Sunday. Penquis lost their first game on Sat. in triple overtime to Island Falls, then went on to beat Woodland, Calais and Lincoln to advance to the finals. Congratulations boys.....

Members on the team are Tyler Pelletier, Jonah Johnson, Cody Larrabee, George Cowing, Zach Eells, Justin Brown, Jason Durant, Cody Herbest, Trevor Lyford, Zach Slagle, Derek Johnson, Austin Fogg, Greg Hathorn and Isaiah Bess (STORY CONTINUED ON PAGE 5)

CORRECTION

Dave Mallet will not be appearing at the benefit concert for laid off Moosehead Manufacturing workers due to a prior commitment.

Coming Soon! The New Brownville PTO Plant Club

This year the Brownville PTO plant sale will look a little different. We will not be doing pre-orders. Instead we'll be running a plant club. Each week you can send in an amount you'd like to pay for your flowers. (Preferably the same amount each week). The club will run for six weeks. At that time you can take your plant card to the "Field of Dreams" nursery and pick out your own flowers. The card will stay here at school and will be marked on the weeks money is received. If you don't send it each week you'll still get credit for the weeks that are paid. On the day of the Spring Fling there will still be extra plants available but there will not be anything reserved. First come, first serve. So if you'd like to join our plant club, and support the PTO, contact Mrs. Weston at the school. We'll begin our club after April vacation. Spring is just around the corner.

Once again we thank Rob and Hazel Durant from the Field Of Dreams nursery for their support.

Brownville Elementary School Kindergarten Orientation and Registration and Screening

Orientation will be in the morning on Wednesday, April 25. Kindergarten Registration and Screenings will be May 17th and 18th.

If your child will be 5 years old by October 15, 2007 and he/she is planning to go to Brownville Elementary School, it

is very important that you call the school to alert us. We call this pre-registration, and the information can be taken over the phone for this. After April vacation we will hold our Orientation. The bus will come to pick parent and child up for a ride in to the school and home again after the orientation.

Appointments also need to be made for Kindergarten registration and screening, which will take place on May 17th and/or 18th. Our phone number is 965-8184. Speak with Mrs. Witham or Mrs. Melanson.

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE NEWS

AT THE LAST MONTHLY MEETING OFFICERS FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR WERE ELECTED, THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHAIRMAN, DAN PHILBRICK-NORTHERN PISCATAQUIS VICE-CHAIR, THE HONORABLE SHARON LIBBY JONES; SOUTHERN PISCATAQUIS COUNTY VICE-CHAIR CINDY FREEMAN-CYR RECORDING SECRETARY ANITA JOHNDRO; TREASURER PATSY FORTIER-ASSISTANT TREASURER SYLVIA JOHNSON STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN IS DONNA BOZIN STATE COMMITTEE DESIGNEE IS SALLY FARRAND

THE PCDC NOW HAS A PERMANENT OFFICE THAT IS OPEN PRESENTLY TWO DAYS PER WEEK. THE OFFICE IS NOW OPEN ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 1-4 PM AND IS LOCATED AT 951 WEST MAIN ST., SUITE 3. THIS LOCATION IS RIGHT ACROSS FROM BUTTERFIELD'S ICE CREAM.

IF SOMEONE NEEDS ANY INFORMATION OR WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 564-0002. THE MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AND WILL START AT 6:30 PM.

IT WAS DECIDED AT THE MEETING THAT WE WOULD TRY TO SCHEDULE A GUEST SPEAKER FOR EVERY MEETING.

THE GUEST SPEAKER FOR APRIL 3RD WILL BE STEVE ROWE, ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MAINE. THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO COME SEE OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL. MR. ROWE IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT 7:00 PM.

WE HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF PEOPLE TO WELCOME HIM TO OUR AREA.

Survey in March

Penquis CAP is initiating a survey in the greater Milo area to determine the housing needs of people living in mobile homes. Many older mobile homes, particularly those built prior to 1976, are in poor condition. Repairs to these properties are often difficult and may not be cost-efficient. To assess current conditions and explore future options, Penquis CAP is conducting a survey of approximately 50 homes in the Town of Milo. Based on interest and need, Penquis CAP will work with homeowners to explore various options. Actual surveying will occur in late March and will take residents approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Michael Bush at 1-800-215-4942.

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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!!

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Melaina Rand, Sha-Lynn Trafton and Rebecca Peirce were honored at our assembly this week.

Melaina comes to school ready to learn. She has maintained a positive attitude even while fighting off a cold. She is a kind girl who is a good friend to others and is very polite to adults. Melaina has worked hard to catch up

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!

schoolwork after being absent and she always tries her hardest. Melaina does a great job sounding out words and using the word wall while writing. She uses reading strategies like a pro! Melaina loves math and she has done well this week with sorting and creating a poster of a shape sort. Miss Brown can count on Melaina to follow directions and listen to grown ups. I am so proud to have Melaina in my class.

Miss K. said that Rebecca is terrific every week, every day, every minute. Rebecca stays on task and does her best on all her assignments. Rebecca uses her quiet voice and is respectful and polite all at times. She is a super helper in the classroom, has a fantastic attitude and is an outstanding role model.

Mrs. Carter reported that Sha-Lynn works hard to be terrific every week. She's worked especially hard on her MEA's and carefully checked all of her work. Sha-Lyn is always kind and cooperative. She was a tremendous help to our new student Bertie. Sha-Lynn is always respectful and a great kid.

Bus Awards: Michael C., Kortnie, Dillon

Welcome to our new 3rd grade student Bertie Allan. We are very proud of his effort in completing his MEA's that he began in his old school.

Birthdays: Cole (6), Dakota H. (5), Jenn Baker

Awesome Teacher Award: Miss Brown Thanks for the crocheting lessons.

Isaiah Bess was recognized for participating in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw State contest.

Move and Improve Student Prize Winners: Dakota K., Jacob, Harmony, Haley M., Edward

Move and Improve Adult Prize Winner: Mrs. White

Terrific Kid Bags: David, Sonny, Haley B., Dakota K., Cassidy



BROWNVILLE SCHOOL NEWS

After a long week of taking the Maine Educational



Assessments these Brownville 5/6 graders enjoyed a change of pace by going swimming at the YMCA. Looks like everyone was having a great time!

P.E.T.S. ANNUAL YARDSALE

It's time to paw and root through all those things you don't use any more because P.E.T.S. (prevent euthanasia through sterilization) is having



their Annual Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, April 7th at the Dover-Foxcroft fire station on Main Street. Yard sale will begin around 9 a.m. and go through 12:30. Moosehead couch and chair, a large square Victorian style oak table, small plain oak kitchen table, a variety of exercise equipment, fax machine and other miscellaneous items have been donated so far. Community support has helped to make this fundraiser highly successful. If you have items you would like to donate or need to have picked up please call any of the following: Sue 379-2809, Mary 564-8092, Sally Sue 876-2752, Phyllis 564-8072. The P.E.T.S. program is dedicated to reducing the overpopulation and abandonment of companion animals through spaying and neutering. P.E.T.S. offers reduced-cost spay/neuter to those individuals or families that qualify.



Congratulations to all of our terrific

MILO ELEMENTARY NEWS

The following students from Milo Elementary School had art selected for Heart of Maine Art Exhibit at the Bangor Mall on display until March 18: Justice Black, Alexa Burns, David Cianci, Jessica Preble, Richard Steele, Emery Tarnozy, Morgona Vick.

THE MILO HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEETING WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 30, 2007 AT WINGLER AUDITORIUM IN MILO.

If any class has information concerning class reunions and would like it included in the letter to alumni members, please contact Frank Cochrane at 943-7369

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THE THREE RIVERS KIWANIS ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW will be held **Friday and Saturday, May 4 & 5, 2007** at the Milo Arts Center in Milo.

The theme this year is 'Rock 'n' Roll' but we welcome anyone with a talent they would like to share. You don't need to live in Milo to participate; we encourage folks from all the surrounding towns!

Please contact Nancy Grant at 943-5809 or nancy2310@roadrunner.com, Stephanie Gillis at 943-2470 or any Kiwanian.

. THE BROWNVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH IS HOSTING a public pot-luck supper at the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 24, 2007. The supper will begin at 5 pm with an auction to follow.

Each family should bring a hot dish or salad. The dessert and beverages will be provided.

CURIOSITY NOTES

Today is Thursday, March 15th. It's foggy, rainy and a very unhappy looking day. A storm is heading our way for St. Patrick's Day; just like the one that hit us on Valentine's Day, forcing us to close. It's enough to drop the smile right off that yellow happy face.

Still, we carry on with high expectations and glad tidings for the first day of spring. We still have our \$2.00 bag sales on clothes and toys. We still have westerns overflowing the shelves. Adding to this, we have some never-before-read mysteries, Harlequin Intrigues, Signature Select; Code Red and Silhouette Romances. All these are right out of the box from the publisher.

Remember, we are open until 6 p.m. on Thursdays through March. Our summer hours will begin in May.

Victoria would like someone, perhaps a teenager or retired person and definitely a book lover, to share a few hours a week so she can spend time with her family. Please call 943-2400 for more information. A telephone call does not mean a commitment and she would be glad to answer your questions.

Monica recently mailed out letters to several businesses requesting feedback on co-operative events sponsored by the Milo Business Community. If you have a business and did not receive a letter, first our apologies and second, please call us and let us know your ideas. We would like to meet everyone with the goal of building more business clientele and enhancing opportunities for the citizens, visitors, and consumers of Milo. Interested persons may call 943-3041.

**AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM BENEFIT
MILO TOWN HALL MARCH 30**

Spaghetti Supper 5:00 - 6:30...\$6.00
Doughty Hill Band Concert 7:00...\$6.00
Many very nice silent auction items on display
at the supper and at the concert upstairs.



MILO



HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Continuing series of unidentified photos...

Stamped on the lower right: S. J. Chase-Foxcroft, ME

Please contact Allen Monroe at 943-2268 or Virgil Valente at 943-2167 if you information about these old photos. Thank you!

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER DIARY

March 1967

19-20-21-22-Sunny cool.

23-Light snow-28° at 6 pm.-24-Fair-44° at noon.
25-Cloudy & snow flurries-36° at 7:30 am.



Katahdin Area Hoop Classic Runner's Up!!

The MRD was very well represented at the 18th annual KAHC with both a boys and girls team competing in the 5th and 6th grade games. Both teams were praised on their good sportsmanship and attitudes. While the girls struggled a little bit, their improvement is showing from game to game. Led by Lexi Larson and Hannah Bess, there is a bright future to this group of girls.

The boys had what it took to make it to the championship game but had to settle for the silver rather than the gold. Their all around hustle, intensity, and tenacious full-court defense was second to no other team in the tourney. The first game went into 3OT only to come down to a desperation 3 -pointer from a rising star from Island Falls with 4 seconds left. The triple secured the lead 37-35 for the Bulldogs and handed the boys their first defeat.

With only seconds remaining in the second game against East Millinocket, Tyler Pellitier penetrated baseline, sold a ballfake to freeze the defense, and left a beautiful bounce pass to Cody Herbest for the buzzer beater lay-up.

The next three games against Woodland, Calais, and Lincoln were won fairly easily 36-19, 41-16, and 39-21. The championship game was against host Millinocket only to end in a 33-35 defeat. The boys learned a lesson the easy way on the physical and mental challenges you must overcome to win such a tournament. We have two more tourneys scheduled in Lincoln and Woodland.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

This past Friday (March 9) was a sad day as Terence Flanagan, the husband of Pam, our assistant librarian, passed away after an illness of several months. Terry had been a wonderful help to our library with his interest in digital photography. When one brings up the wallpaper on all our computers, there is a picture of the library taken in the spring with the crabapple tree in full bloom. That picture was taken by Terry. He made three



attempts to get the very best picture before he was satisfied. When Nancy Cotter donated money for a new stuffed chair, Terry took a picture of that new chair for us, sent it to our computers, and we were then able to send that picture to Nancy and Lin to show them the gift they had purchased. Terry also took pictures for us when requests came from other libraries about items in our library. Thanks to Terry's knowledge we were able to use technology to send pictures and to communicate with other libraries quickly and easily. As long as he was able, Terry was very willing to use his time and knowledge to help us out. We shall certainly miss him. If anyone wishes to send cards or other condolences to Pam, the address is: Pamela Flanagan, 8 First Street, Milo, ME 04463.

Our six substitute librarians have worked out well. They helped greatly during the months of Terry's final illness and have filled in this past week. Each substitute has her own specialty, so our library has been neatened up, books have been processed and our patrons' needs have been fulfilled. I certainly thank them all for their help during this busy time.

This past week I read two juvenile books which the library had received from the Junior Library Guild. The most recent one, Do Not Pass Go by Kirkpatrick Hill was very interesting. I did a single sentence review of it last week, but since then I have read it, and I can recommend it even more. Deet's father is sent to prison for a drug mistake. Deet is very embarrassed about this, but gradually he learns that no family is perfect and without troubles. He begins to realize how lucky he is to have the caring family he does- although their casualness used to annoy him greatly. I recommended it to a young patron. I hope she enjoys it as much as I did.

Chew On This by Eric Schlosser and Charles Wilson was an eye opener! This book told the tale of "Fast Food". It explained how food is made, sold, and transported to McDonald's, KFC, Burger King and other fast food restaurants. However, it is mainly about McDonald's and how that restaurant chain has changed our world. Perhaps the book has exaggerated the facts somewhat, but I was shocked, and, I think, the authors intended to do just that. How much this way of food processing has been brought about only by fast food restaurants and how much has been taking place anyway, I don't know, but this book was quite a revelation. Young patrons (or older ones too) who are interested in the subject for a report or just interested would find this book informative.

Remember we have actual paper INCOME TAX FORMS and reproducible books of forms so we do have a variety of tax forms to fill your needs. We in Maine have until April 17 to send out our taxes due to Patriot's Day but don't procrastinate too long.

Here's a PREVIEW. I called in a book order on Thursday so we should have a shipment of books arrive next week. There will be new books by Sandra Brown, Maeve Binchy, Larry McMurtry and Jeffrey Archer among others.

Melissa Hill will be presenting her Preschool Story Time on March 26 at the library from 3:30-4:30. Your little one would have a fun time with us listening to stories and completing a craft. Remember PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, MONDAY, MARCH 26 at 3:30-4:30.

Library Winter Hours

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

Saturday 2:00-4:00 Telephone 943-2612

Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville



Meetings Wed. at 6:30 a.m. at The Restaurant,
Park St - Milo, ME

New Members Welcomed -- Want to Join?? -- Talk to any Kiwanian Learn More at www.kiwanis.org and www.newenglandkiwanis.org

Eleven members of Three Rivers Kiwanis met on Wed. March 14 at The Restaurant for the weekly meeting. Also present were four members each from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis and Old Town-Orono Kiwanis Clubs. Jessica Kahl represented the Penquis Valley Key Club and Virginia Macomber, daughter of Kiwanian Jim Macomber, was also present.

Eben Dewitt read a story written by John McCain while in a Viet Namee prisoner of war camp. (It is printed at the end of these meeting notes) Eben also led the Pledge of Allegiance and George Barton offered the Morning Prayer.

Births and anniversaries for the week included Walter and Linda Lougee celebrating an anniversary on March 16, Don and Dottie Brown-Harris anniversary on March 17, and Susan Almy's birthday on March 20.

Happy dollars were given just for "being here;" for the change in the weather; for sap season being here; for the spring weather; for the blood drive; for the Red Sox beating the Yankees at spring training; for the fundraiser for the displaced Moosehead workers; for Dick who's working real hard on the military band project scheduled potentially for June 30th.

Key Clubber Jessica Kahl reported that the blood drive netted 50 pints of blood for the American Red Cross.

An interclub traveled to the Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis on March 10.

Upcoming speakers for the month include: Joe Zamboni showing slides and speaking about a trip to Italy; and on March 28, Roger Merchant from the Extension Office.

Ethelyn reminded everyone about the upcoming Variety Show that is scheduled for May 4 and 5. Kiwanis is looking for potential entertainment and volunteers for the chorus.

Ethelyn had tickets for sale to the Fundraiser Concert and Raffle for Moosehead Mfg. displaced workers scheduled for March 25 at Foxcroft Academy. This benefit is sponsored by the Pisc. County Chamber of Commerce and the Milo, Dover-Foxcroft, Greenville, and Guilford Kiwanis clubs.

In lieu of a speaker, the program included highlights of the March Board of Directors meeting held on March 8th. President Ethelyn Treworgy reported that dues reminders would be going out soon for the second half of the 2006-2007 year.

A contribution to the Key Club for transportation to the Key Club Convention in Massachusetts was made, in addition to a portion of registration costs for three students to attend.

The American Legion Post in Milo with help from Three Rivers Kiwanis is sponsoring the Army National Band on June 30th. Kiwanis member/Legion member Dick Graves is working on this and our club will assist with the event.

The Kiwanis Auction dates have been set for June 21 and 22.

A donation of \$150.00 was made to help pay for lunch for the County Transition Team and displaced Moosehead workers working on issues surrounding the recent closure of Moosehead Mfg.

A report on the N.E. District Convention in Mansfield, MA was given by Ethelyn to the Board and it was decided to have someone from Eastern Maine Med. Ctr. speak about the trauma services at EMMC.

The need for members to attend Terrific Kids Assemblies was discussed. Only one member, in addition to school personnel who are Kiwanians, attend the assemblies.

It was voted to donate \$ 100.00 to the MS Walk on April 28.

Kiwanis Maine pins are available at \$5.00 as well as some Kiwanis Lending a Hand pins for \$3.00.

Jim Macomber presented the new club brochures, which are ready for use and distribution.

Ethelyn Treworgy made a pecan and an apple pie, which George Barton auctioned off, which netted \$21.00 for the administrative fund.

Meeting adjourned.

Lois Trask, Sec.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

by Senator John McCain (taken from the Internet)

As you may know, I spent five and one-half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our

imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many as 30 to 40 men to a room. This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POW's 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and the military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves, and other items of clothing. Mike got himself a bamboo needle, and over a period of months he created an American flag and sewed it on the inside of his shirt. Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance. I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside and removed it. That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as best we could.

The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in the corners of the room. As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt, and his bamboo needle was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world. You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In Loving Memory Of CHESTER WITHAM June 22, 1934 - March 12, 2006 You may be gone, but you are not forgotten. Love your family and friends

CHRISTINE E. WEBB

MILO - Christine Elizabeth Webb, 89, died March 11, 2007, at a Dover-Foxcroft nursing home after a brief stay. She was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Milo, the daughter of Howard L. and Jennie (Bartlett) Webb. She had been employed at the Ben Franklin Store, Milo. She enjoyed gardening, her cat, Marmalade and working on her home. She had a great sense of humor and will be dearly missed. She was predeceased by her sister, Louise Edna (Webb) Richardson; and her brother, Claude "Bill" Webb. She leaves three nieces, Claudia Tyler of Milo, Bonnie Cerniglia of New Hampshire and Connie Saucier of Connecticut; and four nephews, Charles H. Richardson and his wife, Sandra, of Connecticut, Jack and John Webb, both of Milo and Howard Webb and his wife, Patty, of Medford. A graveside memorial service will be held in the spring in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery. Those who wish may make memorial contributions to P.A.W.S., 39 Clinton Street, Milo, ME 04463. Arrangements are in the care of the Lary Funeral Home, Milo.