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LIVE SIMPLY-LOVE GENEROUSLY
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For National 4-H Week, the Milo Musketeers 4-H Club has set up a large display in the window opposite the Milo Head Shop on Elm Street. Please stop by and take a look at the display.

Mid-Maine Assoc. of Historical Societies
Invites the Public to

A PRESENTATION By Walter Macdougall *Thoreau:*

The Man and His Beliefs

Community House
6 Lakeview Street
Greenville, Maine

Sunday, October 21, 2007
1:00 p.m.

For further information contact,
Allen Monroe, 943-2268



St. John's Episcopal Church Women have set Saturday, November 3, as the date for their annual public Baked Bean and Ham Supper. The supper will be from 5-6:30pm. The ladies will also be selling RADA knives at the local craft fairs this fall. That will include the American Legion, Milo, fair on October 27, the BJHS Alumni fair on November 10, and the Milo craft fair in early December.



PAWS for Kids and Kids for PAWS

The Milo PTO will be holding a rummage sale at the Milo Town Hall on November 3 and we are accepting donations. The rummage sale will be held in conjunction with a book fair to benefit PAWS.

The freshman class of PVHS will be hosting the annual all-you-can-eat Hunter's Breakfast on Saturday, October 27, at the PVHS Cafeteria. Make plans to fill your belly while helping the class raise money!!

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 10 9am to 1pm
BJHS Alumni Hall Brownville Junction

Table rentals are \$15: contact person Linda Coburn lmcoburn@rcn.com and 965-8421.

Set up the night before at 6pm and doors open for set up at 7:30am on the tenth.

Sponsored by the BJHS Alumni-proceeds to help defray building costs.

4-H SET

Science, Engineering & Technology

Explore your future with 4-H SET!

Did you know 4-H kids today are participating in science, engineering and technology programs – from robotics and Web design to environmental and animal science? Through their 4-H clubs, they have fun, make friends, explore new adventures and develop skills for future success.

Interested in volunteering, joining or learning more? Contact your county 4-H office at:

1-800-287-1491 or 564-3301.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK October 7-13, 2007

4-H PAC (Penquis Activities Club) After School Chess Club



For: Grades 3 - 6
Starting Date: Monday, October 22, 2007
Ending Date: Monday, December 17, 2007
Location: Milo Elementary School
Time: 2:30 to 3:30 PM

For more information, please contact Linda Whitten, 4-H Aide at 943-5569 (home). Transportation is not provided by the school or 4-H PAC (Penquis Activities Club).

TRC WANTS TO KNOW

TRC is conducting a poll on our website. We are asking you :

"Would you attend a Business Expo to learn more about companies that serve the TRC Area?"

Please log onto www.trcmaine.org and respond to the poll question.

Your answers will help us define the first Three Rivers Community Expo tentatively scheduled to take place May 3, 2008!

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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!

Willing Hearts Trio Benefit Gospel Concert

Willing Hearts Trio, three women from the Dover-Foxcroft Baptist Church, have been following the courageous journey that Tara Hayes Lilly has been traveling since being diagnosed with cancer. Praying for her each week before rehearsal, and then each member privately has made Tara's plight very real to them. Wanting to do something to support Tara and her family, the group decided to make their fall concert this year a benefit concert for them. The concert will be held on Sunday,

October 28, 2007, at 4:00 pm at the United Baptist Church in Dover-Foxcroft. A free-will offering will be taken and the proceeds donated to the Lilly family.

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!!



BROWNVILLE'S TERRIFIC KIDS - OCTOBER 12

K-Mercedes Ames, 1- Megan Valvo, 2- Jerico Prado,
3- Harley Brooker, 4- LaShae Baker, 5- Amber Willinski,
6- Dana Sherwood

Citizens for the week October 1 Orion Pinkham and Lauren
Worster Citizens of the week October 8 Camron Bailey and
Danielle Sanders



MILO ELEMENTARY FALL FAIR

This year Milo Elementary School's Fall Fair is on Friday, October 19, from 6-8. Admission is one box of tissues. This helps keep all the children in tissues from now until June.

The evening is fun for children and adults. All evening, games are available throughout the school. We'll have a putting green, basketball, and a cake walk and more games for kindergarten students up to sixth graders. Tickets for games are only .25 cents each and if children come dressed in a costume, they will receive 4 free tickets for the games. They will also be able to take part in a costume parade in the gym at 7pm.

For adults an auction begins at 6:15. Students' families have been busy creating crafts, baking food, and making wonderful gifts to be auctioned off, all in an effort to raise money for a newer and safer playground.

Businesses have also donated items and gift certificates for the auction. We are grateful to our local businesses, The Curiosity Shop, Candyland Farms, Linda's

Creations and to our friends in Portland at Milo in Maine who have sent us beautiful children's tee shirts, samples of which can be found on the Internet under the same name.

The highlight of past auctions has been autographed books by Maine authors or authors who summer in Maine. This year we are so excited to have two signed books by Maine writer Janet Chapman, and another by Joan Gannij, who lives overseas and writes children's books. We are anticipating other autographed books by Richard Kent, Gail Page and Marcia Preston by auction time.

Milo Elementary Fall Fair promises an evening of fun and games, a costume parade and refreshments. Hope to see you there!

For more information or to send donations please contact Milo Elementary School at 943-2122.

CUB SCOUT TURKEY DRIVE

The Cub Scout Pack 111 of Milo/Brownville will be holding their 2nd annual Turkey Drive on November 3, 2007. We will be collecting turkeys and non-perishable foods to donate to the local food bank to help local families. Anyone that is interested in donating may do so starting at 9 am at The Restaurant in Milo. We will continue the drive until we reach our goal of 50 turkeys. Cash donations will also be accepted.

If there are any questions please call 943-7463 or 944-7271. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance in this matter.

Milo Elementary



Mrs. Carey - The Terrific Kid we are honoring this week could be a role model for our whole school. She is polite, respectful, happy, kind, gentle, fun to be with, and really, really NICE! We are very thankful to have Camas Miliano in our terrific kindergarten family.

Mrs. Walker - We are honoring this young bookworm from our Kindergarten room this week. She loves books to look at and to listen to and is even recognizing big words in books everyday. She loves to play school and be the teacher sitting with a book in the teacher's rocking chair. We love our days with this TK. Congratulations LIBBY SANBORN.

Mrs. Barden - Our terrific kid this week is new to our school. She has settled in nicely. She loves reading and math. She was the first one to figure out her math shape yesterday. We are glad she is such a good friend. Her brother and sisters will be glad to hear her name. Congratulations to Gabrielle Pariseau.

Mrs. Hayes - We have a changed student in our first grade classroom. This student is a terrific kid now because he is kind and respectful to his friends and his teachers. He sits quietly during group time. The best news of all is that this young man is cooperating and listening and using self-control. Please welcome Joseph Badger as our terrific kid this week. Thank you Joe for being a changed friend.

Mrs. Tardiff & Mrs. Hussey - Selena Sibert - Selena comes in every day ready to settle down and do her best on all tasks. She is a neat writer and hard worker. Selena follows the "I-Care" rules of our classroom. She is a good friend to her classmates. Selena is an active listener during story time. We love having Selena in our class!

Sonny Natalino - What a great listener this boy is becoming!! He knows exactly how to be an active listener and is a good role model for the class. He also settles down to work right off in the morning. He is a great friend and caring classmate. We love having Sonny in our class!

Mrs. Dunham - Our TK is a dear sweet girl. She is kind and helpful to her classmates. She follows the I Care rules. This girl tries her best every day.. she is showing improvement with her reading. Congratulations to Alexa Peters.

Mrs. Mills - Our terrific kid has worked hard this week. She has completed all her jobs on time. Her behavior has been great. She loves to share a good book with me. I also know that she loves horses. It is going to be a great year with Tabby Lemon.

Mrs. Whitney - 4 Whitney's Terrific Kid is a great big brother with a brand new baby brother who came home last weekend. He is very proud and excited about having him home. He has worked very hard this week to make his family proud. Great job Giavani Sibert!

Mrs. Johnston - Our Terrific Kid this week has worked very hard the past few days. He does his best on every assignment I give him, and often offers to do more. He is always asking if he can help out in the classroom, and willingly does any job I give him. He is working hard to be respectful every day, and I am very proud to say that the Terrific Kid this week is Chris Mutter.

Mrs. Knowlton - This week there are TWO terrific kids in Mrs. K's room. (Since I forgot one last week!) Our first terrific kid is one who works very hard in class and almost always has her planner signed. She is enthusiastic and energetic and Mr. Eastman says she is a mighty fine trumpet player! Congratulations to our terrific kid: Morgyn McArthur.

Our second terrific kid is very, very quiet -- sometimes you can't even tell he's in the room! But when you need help with math, or your looking for a responsible, helpful student you can count on this guy to help you out! Congratulations to our terrific kid -- Logan Robinson!

Mrs. Gillis - Her favorite fruit is a yummy banana, She loves the horses that roam in Montana, She knows the capital of Indiana, Our terrific kid is a very special Anna. Congratulations, Anna Rideout!

Mrs. Clukey - THIS WEEK'S TERRIFIC KID IS VERY SHY AND QUIET. HOWEVER, THIS WEEK SHE HAS COME OUT OF HER SHELL A LITTLE BIT. SHE WORKS HARD TO GET ALL HER ASSIGNMENTS DONE EVEN IF THEY DON'T COME EASY TO HER. HER OTHER TEACHERS SAY THEY AGREE. WE ARE ALL GLAD TO HAVE MEGAN LEONARD AS A MEMBER OF THIS YEAR'S SIXTH GRADE.

Ms. Clark - He is always willing to help by lending a helping hand. He is fun to be around. His laugh is like the music

from band. He hands in his homework not allowing it to form a mound. Our terrific kid of the week is no one else but Connor Webb.

Mrs. Bennett - This week I would like to recognize a young man who is doing a fine job each time he comes to work with me on his language skills. This year he has been doing such a great job settling right down and getting to work. Cody Russell is improving his vocabulary skills by increasing his knowledge of synonyms and antonyms and making some interesting sentences. He doesn't even laugh at me each time I almost say cinnamon instead of synonym. Thank you Cody- keep up the good work!!

PTO Survey results

Dear parents/guardians,

I want to thank all of you who took the time to fill out and return the PTO survey! I truly enjoyed the comments and honesty. Some comments I would like to address directly: Some felt unwelcome at a meeting; to this I would like to say please call me.

Some were unable to attend due to gas prices; my response to this is call me and there may be a way for you to help from home. Some people felt their opinions did not count; I would like also to speak with these people because all people's thoughts count and I truly value any one's opinion who is willing to give it.

Speaking of opinion here are the results of the "highly controversial" survey.

Each question is rated on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 meaning "No/not likely"; 3 meaning "neutral or indifferent"; and 5 meaning "Yes/I agree".

1) Last year PTO attendance was down to an average of 2 people. Would you have been more likely to attend if you had known you were so badly needed? 8.3% = 1, 3% = 2, 35% = 3, 18.3% = 4, 26.6% = 5

2) Are you clear about what PTO does? 18.3% = 1, 15% = 2, 10% = 3, 20% = 4, 35% = 5

3) If you were more aware of the Milo Elementary PTO would you be more likely to participate? 8.3% = 1, 3% = 2, 36.6% = 3, 20% = 4, 25% = 5

4) If Milo Elementary PTO meetings were held on a different day would you be more likely to attend? 18.3% = 1, 5% = 2, 26.6% = 3, 5% = 4, 23.3% = 5

Which day works best? 33.3% = Any day, 10% = Monday, 11.6% = Tuesday, 3.3% = Wednesday 10% = Thursday, 6% = Friday, 1.6% = Weekend, 3.3% = NOT Monday

5) If PTO were held at a certain time of day would you be more likely to attend? 15% = 1, 6.6% = 2, 18.3% = 3, 20% = 4, 35% = 5
What time works best for you? 11.6% = morning (9a-12:00p), 26.6% = afternoon (12:01p-5p), 20% = evening (5:01p-7p)

6) If children were welcome to attend meetings with a place to play under supervision would you participate in PTO more readily? 6.6% = 1, 1.6% = 2, 18.3% = 3, 25% = 4, 45% = 5

7) Do you think the PTO does enough for Milo Elementary School? 5% = 1, 3.3% = 2, 23.3% = 3, 26.6% = 4, 23.3% = 5

8) Are you interested in attending a "Family Fun Night" at the school? 6.6% = 1, 0% = 2, 10% = 3, 25% = 4, 51.6% = 5

These results are based on 25% of the school population responding. Most skipped at least one question, which accounts for any discrepancies in percentages.

Again I would like to thank EVERYONE for their honest responses and comments. They were very enlightening! Natalie Hitchcock

943-2343

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Lily Melanson, Dylan Rozelle and April Morgan were honored as Terrific Kids at our October 12th assembly.

Mrs. Nott: Lily Melanson is my terrific kid this week. Lily is very friendly and works hard in school. Lily is very helpful in class and can always be counted on to clean up the



room when asked.

Miss Brown: Dylan is the terrific kid this week because he has really proven himself. He has not missed any recess time and he has given a lot of effort in all of his assignments. Dylan has tried very hard to be respectful to all others, and also at following class and school rules. Congratulations, Dylan.

Miss K.: April has worked very hard this year to stay on task, get along with others and do her best work at all times. She is a super math student. April does a great job keeping track of her schedule. She works well independently and very proudly returns her signed planner and homework each day.

Bus Kids: Natasha, April, Kelina

Artists of the Week: Grades 4 and 5 for their beautiful leaf pictures.

Caught Being Good Bags: Melania, Lily, Sha-Lynn, Kyle, Levi

Students in Grades K-6 are invited to the Annual Halloween Dance at the Marion C. Cook School!!!

Date: October 19

Time: 6-7:30 PM

Students MUST be accompanied by an adult. The price for admission is \$2.

Prizes will be awarded for Best Costume, Most Original Costume, Funniest Costume and Scariest Costume.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Wednesday was a very busy day at the library. In fact, we could have named it "Young Patrons' Day" as we were busy all day with younger patrons groups. In the morning



Debbie Knapp, along with 25 children from her Little Peoples' Nursery School, 16 adults, and 2 babies came for a visit. I can tell you we were crowded at first, but the children went into the children's area and the parents settled into place. The children who were library regulars showed the newbies the ropes. One little veteran demonstrated how to wear the Cat-In-The-Hat hat so of course, others had to try it on too while parents were snapping pictures. After a few minutes of getting acquainted with what the library had to offer the youngest patrons, we got the children settled down to observe how easy it is to take out a book. One experienced young patron very seriously selected her book and carefully walked to the circulation desk, where assistant librarian Pamela Flanagan, would demonstrate about cards, stamping and borrowing. Once the children knew about borrowing library books, they would have to learn how to take care of the books. Mr. Wiggle's Book by Paula Craig and Carol Thompson is about a little bookworm who, throughout the book, explains to the children what makes him upset. Scribbling, tearing pages and spilling food and beverages on his book made him very sad. When the children raised their hands to promise to take good care of books, he became very happy.

The librarian also read the book Punkin's First Halloween by Esther Reinecke. This book is about a family of ghosts who can appear and disappear by pulling a magic string on their hoods. The littlest ghost became impatient and broke her magic string by pulling it too quickly which got her into trouble. However, her ghostly siblings helped her, and all turned out well in the end.

After the story time, the parents who wished to, made out cards for their children, who then could borrow books. All the children left with colorful orange Halloween bags and bookmarks. As the children left the library, Debbie distributed bright red fireman hats, too, so it was a colorful group of little ones filing out onto Pleasant Street after a morning of visiting community helpers.

Of course, this was Wednesday, the day for the Kiwanis Kids Korner, with the kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders in the afternoon. Ten of them walked down from the school with Frank Cochrane and several Key Club members. Val could not attend, and Natalie Hitchcock became the director in charge. Several children were already at the library, so we had a group of 15 "Kids". Key Club teen helpers were Brittany Armour, Rebecca Carpenter, Josh Clement, Sarah Driscoll, Ethan Harrell, John Kearns, Kayla Kearns, Ace Miller and Katie Patten. Other adults were Michelle Lemik and Sharon Washburn.

Key Club member Rebecca Carpenter, read a Halloween story, "I'm Going to Eat You". Halloween is creeping right up, and in a few weeks we will be seeing the end of October. Darkness will be coming fast then as we change the time. How fast 2007 seems to have gone!

The snacks brought in by Katie Robertson and Heather Webb were red and green grapes, bananas and apple juice as a beverage.

The craft this week was the decoration of wooden yoyos with special paints. All in all Wednesday was a busy day with children in the library. What a fun time Pam and I had!

Later in the afternoon Blaine Chadwick brought over two boxes that had been delivered to the town office for us (all UPS boxes are delivered there as the library is not open at noon when they arrive). The box from Demco contained 5 head phones, one for each of our 5 patron computers. Our teen users will be delighted. Alyssa Thompson helped Pam plug them

into the computers. Alyssa is so knowledgeable about computers that she has often been a help to us and to other computer users, too. The other box contained new books from Baker & Taylor, but more about that in the next column.

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

Italian Night At Valerie Jeans Bistro
On Sundays you can enjoy your Italian favorites
at Valerie Jean's on Main Street, Milo.
Each meal is \$9.95 and includes a Caesar Salad
and Focaccia Bread. For an entrée you may
choose from the following:
☞ Spinach and Chicken manicotti
☞ Baby Whole Clams in garlic and white
wine sauce over fresh pasta
☞ Grilled Italian Sausage w/ green
peppers, onions and tomato sauce over
penne'
☞ Eggplant Parmesan over Spaghetti
Reservations are strongly recommended so call
943-7470 to ensure a spot!

At Valerie Jean's during the month of October, each Wednesday night, you can travel to another tasty part of the world:

GERMANY "OKTOBERFEST"

Radler:

Beer and Apple Cider (this can be made with non-alcoholic beer)
 Homemade Pretzels (with mustard)

Dueling Salads: (1/2 cold, pickled red cabbage, 1/2 warm sweet and sour potato)

Bratwurst or Sauerbraten: (Bratwurst-German sausage steamed in beer and finished on the grill Sauerbraten- Beef roast marinated for two days in vinegar and spices and slow roasted. Both served with spdtzel and sauerkraut)

Cinnamon Apple Strudel: (Apples, raisins and walnuts wrapped in a crispy pastry shell)

Brau Weiss: (German wheat beer by Ayinger) +\$3 (\$30/person does not include tax or gratuity)

FROM GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER DIARY

October 1968

15-Cloudy fair-66 at 6 pm.

16-Foggy sunny & windy-56 at 7 am.

17-Cloudy very warm-84 at noon.

18-Sunny very warm-72 at 6 pm.

19-Fair am Cloudy & rain pm.

20 & 21-Rain.

Rolling Skating to start in Dexter

DEXTER - The Dexter Recreation Department is pleased to announce that Roller Skating begins Saturday, October 13th, 2007. Come by the Town Hall on Hall Street from 2 pm to 4 pm every Saturday for the next 6 months and have great family fun of all ages.

If you have your own skates, feel free to bring them, including regulation Inline Skates, Roller Blades (not the sneaker type with the drop down wheels); limit sizes are available at the Roller Skating Rink.

Volunteers are needed to help run the concession stand, handing out skates etc, so if you could donate some time call Andy at 924-3438 for more information.

Fee is only \$1 for admission and \$1 for skate fee.

If you have some skates hanging around and would like to donate them, they could use all sizes. Call Andy at 924.3438 or Eric Munday at 692.2342.

**Medford Grange Craft Fair
Saturday Oct. 20th 9 to 3**

PAWS NEWS

The following is taken, in part, from our new website. <http://www.trcmaine.org/paws>

Penquis Animal Welfare Sanctuary (P.A.W.S.) in Milo is a community effort to maintain a no-kill shelter for the area's stray and abandoned animals. We have had an 80% adoption rate, and 100% of our adoptable animals will be adopted. We are very busy and consider ourselves successful! Private funding has been primarily through donations, fundraising events, and from donations generously left in our cans at Milo Farmer's Union. Three Rivers Redemption and Feed will pass through to P.A.W.S. any "bottle and can" money that you may wish to donate. Money donated at Milo Farmer's Union or Three Rivers Redemption is spent for food, litter and other supplies at the store where the donations originated because it is simply the right thing to do. Municipalities also provide monies for the shelter and/or for animals from the municipalities. P.A.W.S. is eternally grateful for the community's ongoing support for the shelter, its staff and its animal residents.

We are often told that our pets have no problem adapting to their new homes, and are very loving and friendly. We believe two factors are important in helping our animals become loving family pets. The first is our home-like atmosphere. The shelter was formerly a family home, and we use no cages or kennels. Our residents are either housed in their own room or have free run of the house, depending on their health and/or temperament. The second factor is the hands-on approach to caring for them. Our animals are held regularly, cuddled and treated with love and respect. We have dedicated volunteers who spend time each week giving special care to the shelter and our guests.

Our Volunteer Coordinator is Sandy Smart of Brownville. Sandy oversees the training and scheduling of volunteers. Volunteers are always needed to help with the tasks of the shelter as well as to give our animals the human contact that maintains the animals' trust and acceptance for when they are matched with their own human families. Becoming a P.A.W.S. volunteer is a rewarding experience that starts with a phone call to Sandy. If you would like to join the P.A.W.S. volunteers in caring for the animals and the shelter, please, call Sandy at 965-8547. She will take it from there!

For all those interested in adopting an animal, please call :

Mary Jean Pokrywka	943-5116
Val Robertson	943-2324
Sandy Smart	965-8547
Joyce McDuffie	943-2241

Leave a message for a return call if no one answers.

Be sure to speak clearly so your name, telephone number and best times to call back can be understood.

P.A.W.S. wants our supporters to know that whenever possible, yard sale or rummage sale items that do not sell are also given a new home. Adult clothing and household items are cleaned (if needed) and donated to the Area Homeless Shelter. Children's clothing is generally directed to families, especially families re-establishing themselves after experiencing domestic violence. Other charities may also be gifted with our unsold goods as the need is recognized.

P.A.W.S., Inc. is an incorporated non-profit with a Board of Trustees, officers, and dedicated volunteers. You may also contact P.A.W.S. by e-mailing : info@trcmaine.org.

To report an injured or sick-appearing animal call your town office or Animal Control Officer Joe Guyotte at 564-2187. While we occasionally can respond to calls ourselves, because of legal concerns we have been advised to let Joe respond; then he will contact us. Each town is responsible for the medical care of their strays, so when possible the animals arrive at the shelter after being tested and immunized, thus reducing the cost for us.

We have an amazing assortment of adoptable cats and kittens at this time!! If you are looking for someone to warm your toes throughout the coming winter, give us a call!!

Little Pepe' and LePew (I'm sure those names will change), have gone to their lifetime home with Suzy and Gary Ricker. If you remember, Gary saved their lives by following the cries of Pepe and rescuing them from their hiding spot in a ceiling. The little buggers are as happy as can be, and we are awaiting pictures of the two meeting their new siblings, 2 cockatiels that the Rickers also rescued. Sounds like an interesting household!

Local Author and Robert Roberts Publish A Special Railroad Book

Despite all the interest in old-time railroading, the human and technical story of track maintenance, essential as it was, has not been told. Walter Macdougall and Bob Robert's new book rectifies this situation.

The author deftly combines technical fact with a richly anecdotal account drawn from first hand reports of men who did the work. While the resulting story reveals the accomplishment and contribution of section crews across the country, it focuses on the Maine portion of the Canadian Pacific and upon the Bangor & Aroostook Railroads.

In writing this account, Dr. Macdougall was closely assisted by Robert (Bob) Roberts who for twenty-four years was section foreman on the C.P.R.'s Onawa to Greenville section- one of the most challenging strips of track in the country. Information and insight from former road master Leland (Hank) McMannus along with many other railroaders who possessed the old know-how and pride also enrich the text.

And there is more. The author asks if the men who did this prodigious task of maintaining the rails were, in fact, a "breed apart." He finds thought-provoking, relevant answers in the relationships between the way we work and the people we become.

Entitled: *By Brain and Brawn An Account of How Railroad Tracks Were Maintained and of the Men who Did the Job*, this book is illustrated with over seventy archival photographs and enhanced with numerous pen and ink sketches and helpful diagrams.

The author wrote articles for *Down East* and other magazines for a number of years before turning to writing books. Other titles by this Author are: *The Old Somerset Railroad*, *Remembering Dud Dean*, and *Settling the Maine Wilderness*.

This new book is expected to be in local book stores by the end of October. It will be available by mail at \$20 including state tax and shipping, and orders can be sent to Moosehead Communication, 719 Moosehead Lake Rd. Greenville, Maine, 04441. Copies can also be obtained from Walter Macdougall, 75

Sargent Hill Drive, Milo, Maine, 04463 (207- 943-2331) or from Bob Roberts, 77 Elliotsville Rd. Monson, Maine, 04464 (207-977-3385).

ERIC'S ADVENTURES PART 2

I drove the beast up to Maine this weekend. It was pretty entertaining. After having spent \$5000 on the RV, and another \$8200 on fixing it up, including a new right hand exhaust manifold, new brakes, brake lines and master cylinder (as it turned out, when I had dropped it off, not only did it not have brake lines, it had no brake fluid and the master cylinder had nothing in it but dust. I was lucky that I didn't get killed on that last trip. I picked the thing up and parked it in my driveway. After an exciting trip to LA last week, where I flew out and back without my wallet and only my passport and some cash, I landed Friday at 2:00AM, worked all day and decided to drive to Maine that night. Upon returning home from work, it was about 6:00PM and I still needed to get ready to go. I wanted to fill the water tank and flush it out. So I opened the drain (Matt's dad had told me that the holding tank was empty) and started flushing the water away down the driveway. Well, apparently someone had used the head at some point, because the most foul smelling stuff decanted onto my lawn and made its way down the driveway, into the road and down toward the neighbors, who were just setting up a huge tent for a backyard wedding that they were having on Saturday... OOOOPS. So we started a little late because I needed to flush things at least down another couple of houses just to be neighborly.

I sent Matt out for some sandwiches so we could eat while driving, and after carefully backing the beast out of the driveway so I wouldn't hit Ann's mailbox, we got underway about 8:00.

Matt and his girlfriend Jesse were in the Lexus following me. About every 5 minutes I'd get a call from them telling me that I'd almost hit something: guard rail, bridge, car, etc.) It really is hard getting used to driving something that huge: 33 feet long. I was also having a hard time figuring out what was the main gas tank and what was the auxiliary tank. I figured the main tank must be somewhere, since I had just put \$178 of gas in it. So I flipped toggle switches on the dash until I saw the gas gauge move, and got it on the main tank. Unfortunately, what I didn't realize was that I had inadvertently shut off both of the batteries from the engine, meaning that they weren't charging. So I'm driving along, and the lights are getting dimmer and dimmer. I'm figuring that the alternator was going, but I didn't want to stop lest I not be able to get started again. Unfortunately there wasn't enough light in the cab to see the toggle switches on the dashboard, and the random flipping thing had not worked out so well before. So I used my phone as a flashlight and saw enough to know which toggle switch to hit to switch batteries. This switch wouldn't stay stuck, though, so I had to keep flipping it up in order to get enough light to figure out what to do. In the meantime my phone kept ringing from Matt and Jesse telling me that I'm all over the road. So I'm juggling toggle switches, phones and trying to steer the beast in traffic because I'm afraid to stop it. Kind of like the movie *Speed*. Eventually I figured out to hit the toggle switch in the opposite direction and it stuck with the main battery on, and I continued to chug along, and eventually the headlights brightened up enough that I didn't need to tailgate the motorcycle ahead of me closely enough just to see.

Anyway, I got a little hungry, and so decided it was time to open the steak sub that I had bought prior to leaving. It was a little challenging to unwrap, which precipitated another phone call, which made the whole thing a little more challenging, because I was again juggling the steering wheel, my sandwich, and my phone, which was Matt yelling at me to "stop zig-zagging all over the road". Another 1/2 mile and I had gobbled down the entire sub, had my greasy hands back on the steering wheel, and we made our way through the darkness past the New Hampshire border.

We made it in Maine as far as outside Bangor by 2:00 AM, when we decided it was time to stop. So we stopped in a rest area (I pulled into the truck area, feeling very grown up, now that I'm driving a Big Rig). I started the generator, which for some reason filled the RV with exhaust for a moment (had the wrong window open). We got out and I said, in my best Scarface accent "This RV was so polluted..." getting a good laugh out of Matt and Jesse. Anyway, in good white trash fashion, I unloaded the Webber grill that I had bungee cord fastened and set it down outside the door, and we made the beds and turned in for the night.

The next morning, we got up at 6:00AM and quickly cleaned up as best we could and got ready for the final 1 1/2 hour trip to Surry. I put the Webber back into the RV, bungee corded it in, got into the driver's seat and turned the key. Nothing. Oops. Left the running lights on all night.

Fortunately there are multiple resources on this thing, so I started the generator and then started the rig from that. Unfortunately, however, it was at this point that the left manifold decided to explode. KAPOW!!!! There I sat, Yale graduate, Captain of Industry, Philanthropist, in a rusting RV that just woke up everyone within a mile's radius. There was very little I could say when the 300 pound, 20-year-old kid in shorts who was in the RV next to mine shouted to me "That sounded GOOOOOOOOD!!" as I pulled out of the lot. Success is measured in many ways in Maine, and at that point just being mobile was the benchmark that I had set for... myself.

The fuel economy dropped considerably on the rest of the trip due to the modified compression. We pattered our way up I-95, and I was very clever in my non-inspected but registered RV, because when I saw police cars, I feathered back the accelerator so that they couldn't hear how loud we were. I think at some point, Virginia, who had been enjoying the trip thus far, decided that she wanted to ride back in the Lexus. But as we climbed the hill into Ellsworth, she was back in my head, laughing herself silly, and what's more, I heard my grandfather Treworgy laughing and wheezing a little as well. We made our noisy way to Surry, and I announced our presence to the neighbors by backing my noisy new home into its place, shutting off the engine and waiting in vain for a cordial welcome.

I have decided that rather than take the thing to the dealer for another \$2000-\$3000 in repairs, I'll consider that I have delivered the RV to its resting place. Although, Maine being what it is, I do not give up hope that in another 10 year's time, another Captain of Industry will be ready to take custody of the beast, and will happily drive it, smoking, away into the sunset. In the meantime, I now have my pied a terre (sounds so much better in French, doesn't it?) in Maine, ready and waiting for any guests who may happen by.

Eric

Kiwanis Club of Three Rivers Milo - Brownville



October 10, 2007

Three Rivers Kiwanis gathered at The Restaurant with 19 members present. President Val Robertson also welcomed four members from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Club, Penquis Valley Key Club members, Pres. Josh Clement, Treas. Nycole Carey, and Cheryl Roesing, Katie Patten, and Kristin Robinson. Builders Club Advisor Rachel Larlee, was also present with members Haley Knowles, Hayley Durant, and Jessica Clement. Richard Graves also had his fiancée, Kathy, as a guest.

Eben DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Ed Treworgy offered the Morning Prayer.

Many happy and sad dollars were given today for the Red Sox, visiting New York, Builders Club Parents night, upcoming trip to Florida, and being back from summer vacation.

Builders Club Advisor Rachel Larlee, announced that they had 57 parents and their young people attend Parents Night Meeting and that some club members participated in the Womancare Walk for Domestic Abuse and they had collected \$600 in donations, making them the largest fundraisers of the event. Builders Club meets Wed. and Fri. at 11:06 a.m. at the Middle School.

Sec. Lois Trask attended the New England District Governor's Visit in Hampden on Oct. 6th.

Seven members will be attending the Installation of Officers at Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis on Friday, Oct. 12.

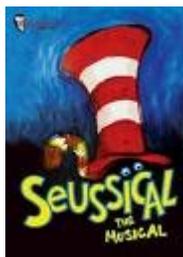
Josh Clement and Hannah Backus will be attending the Key Leadership Conference in Mt. Washington, Mass. on Oct 12-13.

Upcoming speakers will be: Oct. 17 - Tom Iverson and Chris Knapp - Penquis Leadership Institute- speaking on Disaster Planning; Oct. 24 - representative from Milo Historical Society; Nov. 14 - Laura Reed, representing the Maine Community Foundation.

In lieu of a speaker today, Janet Richards with help from Jeff Gahagan went over the business carried on at the Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 4.

At that meeting it was voted to send \$50 to Kiwanis International Foundation, to give another \$ 200 to the Outing Club; \$100 to join with the Key Clubs, Circle K and Kiwanians around New England to create a lasting tribute and purchase a brick for the "Walk of Inspiration" at Camp Sunshine. We also donated \$ 100 to Hospice, \$200 to the Myrna Ricker's Brownville Elementary Quilting class and voted to purchase a new club banner to hold our awards and ribbons.

Lois Trask, Sec



**The Elementary Drama Club will present "Seussical the Musical" on Friday, November 2, at 7PM at the Milo Town Hall. The Milo PTO will be holding a food sale as well. Admission: Ages 12 and up \$5.00
Children \$2.00**



PAWS would like to remind all pet owners that this is the time of year to give your furry family member one last flea treatment. (We mean your pets, not Dad!)

At Three River's Feed you can purchase one-dose packages of Frontline-the world's best way to combat fleas!



While picking up the Frontline, you can drop off a dollar or two for PAWS, or give a few cans and bottles and designate them to the PAWS envelope!