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The sign for the Veterans Memorial Park was placed on October 27, 2007

Robby Ricker contributed the use of his time and the bucket loader for moving the sign into place. Jane Jones arranged for the Town of Milo to provide the granite pieces for the sign. The engraving was done by Eric Annis, Piscataquis Monument Company. The committee, chaired by Joe Zamboni, included Val Robertson, Frank Cochrane, Dick Graves, Amber and Jeff Gahagan, Bobby and Tanya Ellison, Doug and Izzy Warren, Don and Dottie Brown, Eben Dewitt, and Jane Jones. The sign is a permanent remembrance and recognition of our veterans and their contributions to our community.

We will always remember that some gave all. Story on page 2.

PVHS Hunter's Breakfast Saturday, October 27, 2007

4:30 am - 8:30 am Penquis Valley High School

48 Penquis Loop, Milo Annual all-you-can-eat Hunter's Breakfast at the PVHS Cafeteria. Sponsored by the Freshman class of PVHS.

Advance tickets \$4.00

At the door \$5.00

Plan to fill your belly while helping the class raise money.



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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!

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.



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.

How the Veterans Memorial Park sign came to be... By Joe Zamboni

A committee was formed last spring to come up with a sign for Veterans Park in Milo. The park was named Veterans Park a few years ago to honor those who served our country in the military. There was never a sign designating the park, so many people thought it was time to do something about that. The American Legion came up with \$200 and the Kiwanis added another \$200 for the project. Wooden and stone signs were considered and due to the concern over possible vandalism, a stone sign seemed to be more practical. The town had a source of granite blocks from an old foundation that were thought to be useable; however, after a late spring thaw the blocks were determined to be not suitable. Some granite curbing was located in the park and appeared to meet the requirements of a good sign. Luckily, the Verizon phone company was placing new poles on Elm Street and had their excellent post hole digger available. The gracious crew agreed to help and came down to the park and dug two 5' deep holes. Eric Annis from the local funeral home agreed to engrave "Veterans Memorial Park - Remember" in the granite for a very reasonable price. Gerrish Brothers gave us some crushed rock for stabilization, and Robbie Ricker came by with his back hoe and placed the granite legs in the holes. Doug Warren had a pick up truck with springs heavy enough to transport the 2000 lb. sign for us. Bobby Ellison helped supervise and with Robbie drilled and pinned the granite pieces together. Since there is enough money left in the fund to plant shrubs around the sign in the spring, we are planning a dedication, possibly on Memorial Day, for all our supporters and our veterans.

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).

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 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.

Now available: *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.

Kirby has read it and declared it "A must read" by every person who has ever worked for the railroad or has a friend or relative who was a railroad man!!

It is 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 Elliottsville Rd. Monson, Maine, 04464 (207-977-3385).

*Italian Night At Valerie Jean's 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!*

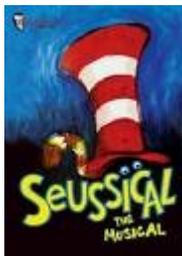
At Valerie Jean's during the month of October each Wednesday night, you can travel to another tasty part of the world:

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) \$30/person (does not include tax or gratuity)



**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**

Due to changes in circumstances, my family and I will be remaining in Milo. I will come to YOU to do your hair, nails, and/or waxing. You may reach me at 943-2541 or on my cell at 227-1268. Call soon to make your appointment. Thank you. Robin Demers

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MILO

No vehicle shall be parked or left standing on any street in Milo between the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m. of each day during the period from November 1, 2007 to April 1, 2008. Any vehicle so parked at any time on any public street or way so as to interfere with or hinder the removal of snow from said street or way, may, at the direction of the Milo Police Department, be removed at the owner's expense. Neither the Town nor the Officer shall be liable for any damage that may be caused by such removal.

Gerald Brown
Board Chairman

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!!

ATTENTION AREA VETERANS

Milo Elementary School will be celebrating Veterans Day on Friday, November 9th during our weekly assembly. We invite all veterans to attend. As part of our celebration, we are collecting the names of veterans related to our students. We plan to add names collected to a Veteran's Honor Roll in the school gymnasium. Please send in any and all names of veterans that you wish us to include before November 2nd. Thank you and see you on November 9. Milo Elementary Staff

MILO ELEMENTARY PTO

The Milo Elementary Parent Teacher Organization is pleased to present our annual *Holiday Craft Fair and Marketplace* on Sunday, November 25 at the Milo Elementary School, 18 Belmont Street in Milo. The fair will be open to the public on Sunday from 12 to 4 pm.

Spaces with a frontage length of 80" are available for \$15 each. We have a limited supply of school tables which are available on a first-come, first-served basis for \$5 each in addition to the space fee. Set up will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday morning. Unfortunately, electricity will not be available. We are happy to have Special Olympics provide food for us this year. Additional advertising will appear in *The Eastern Gazette*.

We welcome any home crafters, professional artisans, businesses and civic organizations to participate. Proceeds will benefit the new playground fund in Milo.

Please call Victoria Eastman at 943-2400 for additional information.

Introducing Builder's Club

By Rachel Larlee, Club Advisor

What is "Builder's Club" you might ask? It is a club that is open to any middle school student that wants to join. Not all middle schools have a Builder's Club, but here at Penquis Valley we are very excited to give our middle school students this great opportunity. Generally, any student who is interested in performing community service may join. In addition, Builder's Club here at Penquis Valley is co-sponsored by the High School Key Club and by Three Rivers Kiwanis.

Right now at PVMS we currently have 20 active members and a lot of supportive parents. We have weekly meetings to discuss our upcoming events. So the kids have been doing extremely well and are excited about future events

that are planned. Each month we will be reporting on activities we are planning to participate in:

- ✓ Oct. 6, 07: Walkathon in Guilford, Race to End Domestic Abuse, 5k Group Walk.

Report: It went very well. We had a great turn out, with 15 students, along with many parents participating. We raised over \$600.00 dollars and were the largest group fundraiser participants!! Woman Care was thankful for the kids' efforts. Great job to everyone who took part in the event!

- ✓ Oct. 26, 07: Key Club and Builder's Club, Spooky Corn Maze in Corinna, events begin 6:00 p.m. This is to create a bond between Builder's Club and Key Club.

- ✓ Oct. 31, 07: Halloween Book Reading & Fun Activities, at Milo Elementary from 12-2 with Mrs. Ward and Mrs. Carey's Kindergarten Students.

Also, throughout the month of October, we have been fundraising for the trick or treat project for "UNICEF", With proceeds going toward the HIV/AIDS fund in Kenya, Africa. The kids have been doing an amazing job so far and are continuing to collect for this great cause.



BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY NEWS:

It was like "Old Home Week" last week when these seniors returned to the Brownville Elementary Open House. The school has been open 20 years but it was 13 years ago Kyle, Luke, Brian & Kelly began Kindergarten there. There was a very good turnout of alumni, family and friends who got a chance to share old memories.

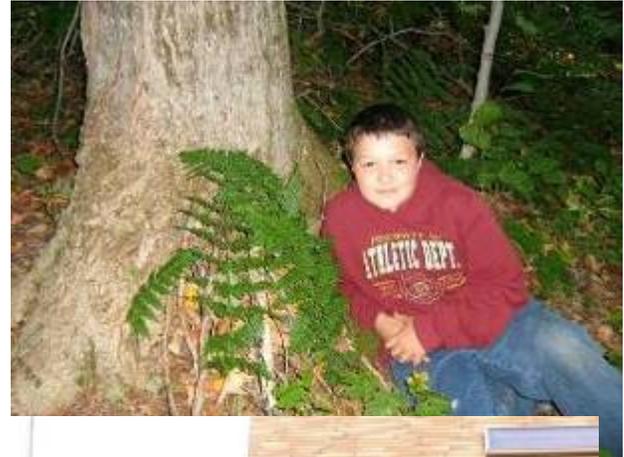
The Penquis boys finished up their season missing a playoff spot by .2 of a point. However, they provided many thrills for all the fans who enjoyed their games.

The 6th graders and their teacher Mrs. Thompson recently spent two days at the Little Lyford Pond



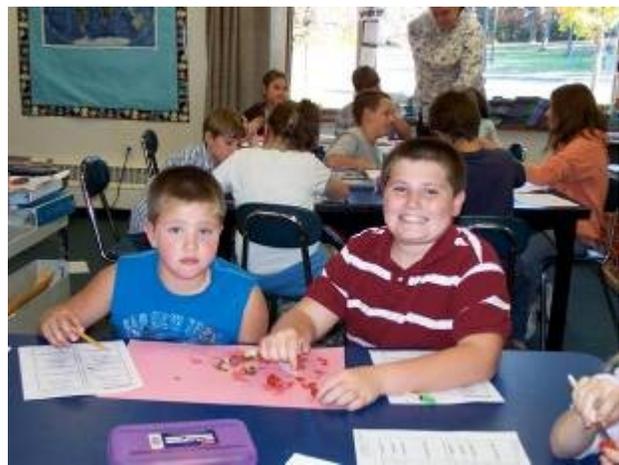
campground. The project was done in conjunction with the Appalachian Mountain Club. Their staff took the students hiking and exploring the area around Little Lyford Pond. It was a terrific opportunity for the class.

Mrs. Thompson's science classes spent Tuesday estimating seed in vegetables. Here Devon and Kobe do an official count for pepper and tomato.



Brownville Elementary is selling school spirit T-shirts, sweatshirts & sweatpants.

- Children's T-shirts \$9.00 Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14
- Adult T-shirts \$10.00 S, M, L, XL, 2XL
- Children's sweatshirts and sweatpants \$15
- Sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14
- Adult sweatshirts and sweatpants \$20



S, M, L, XL, 2XL

For 2XL sizes please add \$1.00

If you'd like to see samples you can see them here at school. Check in the office with Mrs. Melanson. Orders can be given to the office or turned in to your child's teacher.



After the puppet theater visited Brownville Elementary last week, Mrs. Chapman's art students began making their own sock puppets. Will we have a few students writing their own skits?

GRAMMIE'S WEATHER FOR OCTOBER 1991

22-Rain am mostly sunny pm-60° at noon.

23-Frost then mostly sunny.

24-Foggy am sunny windy pm-52° in the pm.

25-Fog cloudy light rain am Cloudy some fog pm.

26-Rain cloudy fog-69° at noon.

27-Foggy rain in evening-58° in the am.

28-M cloudy windy-48° at noon.

3rd Annual Mr./Ms. Penquis Competition

It's going to be a night of beauty and talent.....Yes, it's the 3rd Annual Mr./Ms. Penquis Competition to be held Friday, November 9th at the High School from 6:30-8:30. Admission is only \$2.00 and you can be entertained for 2 hours with 11 of the Senior's finest, competing for title of Mr. and Ms. Penquis.

There will be pizza/popcorn/drinks for sale, along with a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds will benefit Close-Up.

Competitions will include for the "Men"

1. Dress up like a woman..then race the length of the gym.
2. Marshmallow stuffing
3. Bubble gum throw
4. Crab Crawl
5. Sing the School Song

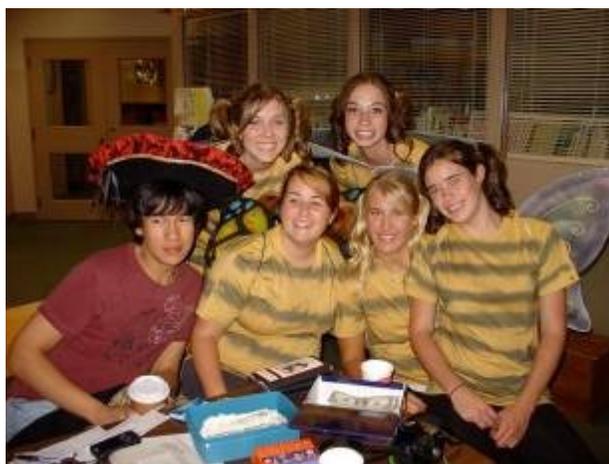
Competitions for the Women are:

1. Dress up like a man.....race the length of the gym.
2. Compose a Cheer
3. Donut on a string (eating)
4. M & M in the jello
5. Push the marble with your nose.

The Victims are: Brian Zwicker - D.J. Olmstead - Dillon Lyford - Erik Morrill - Jose Crillo - Kyle Johnson
For the Women: Sara Driscoll - Katie Patten - Nicki Carey - Lizzie Cook - Haley Patten

PVHS Key Club is A-Buzz with helpful activities!!

The Cook School gym was crowded with pirates, witches, whoopee cushions, and little old ladies at our annual Halloween Dance. Thank you, PTO for another spooktacular evening. Special thanks to DJ, Jesse Merritt and to the members of the Key Club who helped out.





Mrs. Nott: Dakota is my Terrific Kid this week. He does a nice job coming in in the morning and getting right to work. He does a super job in writing class. He would be happy to write all day long. Dakota will be moving soon. I wanted to recognize him today and let him know how special we all think he is.

Miss Brown: Edward has tried very hard this week to follow all class and school rules, and has done a wonderful job. He has shown respect to all this week, and has given a lot of effort in all of his work. Edward had great behavior on our field trip this week and he has finished all of his morning work all week. He is a great help at second bus time, and is always willing to do chores that help the classroom very much. Edward has a lot of great qualities, and he has shown them all this



week.

Miss K.: Rebecca Peirce is a Terrific Kid every day. She is a quiet and independent worker. She always puts forth her best effort on her assignments. Rebecca loves to read and she has a plan to read to her younger sister more every day. Rebecca is always willing to help out in the classroom during recess or break time. She does an outstanding job helping to keep our calendar area organized and ready for the following day. Rebecca is a wonderful role model.

Bus Awards: Kyle, Kendra, Kaya

Birthdays: Mr. Perkins (28)

Miss Brown's Special Spelling Awards: Dylan, Andrew, Levi, Haley M., Colleen, Bridgette

Our Civil Rights Team did a short skit about Red Ribbon Week and saying NO to drugs.

Civil Rights Citizenship Award: Cassidy, Kortnie

The PTO has Fall Raffle tickets available for sale. Prizes include a \$100 Walmart Gift Certificate, 1 cord Seasoned Wood, a maple table from JSI, A Mary Kay basket, Lia Sophia jewelry and a furnace or boiler cleaning. Please stop in at the school or contact any staff or PTO member if you'd like to take a chance.

The Civil Rights Team

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Dakota Higgins, Edward Pierce, and Rebecca Peirce were honored as Terrific Kids at our October 19 assembly.



Caught Being Good Bags: Melania, Harli, Scott, Haley B., Jordan

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



La Grange Fire Department Visits the Cook School

La Grange Firefighter Joe Baker and Sparky the Fire Dog presented a wonderful program about fire safety at our special morning assembly. The importance of a fire escape plan, practicing the escape plan, and having a family meeting place were emphasized.

Students learned to stay low to the ground if there is smoke in the house. We were reminded to change the batteries on our smoke detector twice a year. It's good practice to change the batteries when we turn back the clocks.

We were shown what a firefighter wears into a fire. Officer Baker raced the clock and was in his gear in 42 seconds. The gear weighs 26-30 pounds.

A fog machine was used to simulate what a smoky hallway would be like and students needed to crawl along the floor or use an alternative exit. Firefighter Baker gave us a terrific tour of the newest fire truck.

This week our students participated in a poster contest with My Fire Escape Plan as a theme. Mr. Baker and the fire department enjoyed all of the student work.

Prize Winners:

Kindergarten: Lily

First Grade: Kelina

Second Grade: Edward

Third Grade: Kyle

Fourth Grade: Cassidy Parker

Fifth Grade: Kendra Cross

Thank you Mr. Baker and Sparky too.

The Continuing Saga of ERIC'S ADVENTURES—PART 3

By Eric Treworgy, contributed by his Dad, Edwin

I thought I'd write an update on how things are in the Maine wilderness.

When last we talked, I was just parking my beast on the property up here, after a somewhat noisy landing due to a blown muffler (among other things).

I quickly ran out of battery power in the mains (discovered the alternator belt hanging from under the engine), but no worries, I soon had it plugged into my on-site power panel. Not liking the location, because it was too close to the road, I decided to park the little 33-foot minivan in a different spot. Unfortunately, because the alternator wasn't working, I had to use the toggle switch for the auxiliary battery to keep the engine running. Sadly, because of the location of the switch, it meant that it was impossible for me to both keep the switch triggered and look out my rear-view mirrors. So I had to negotiate around two ditches and numerous trees and rocks by "feel."

But I managed OK, and got the thing in the right spot, albeit in need of leveling, after ripping holes in a couple of the awnings when I got too close to some trees.

I have made two more visits here since then, the last one with my sister-in-law and her husband. I discovered that the leveling thing might be more important than I thought, as she rolled out of bed twice during the night, despite my recommendation that she sleep on the leeward bunk. They did enjoy the on-board toilet, however, and that certainly is an improvement from making a desperate drive ten miles to the nearest McDonald's in the morning. A big improvement was hooking up a hose to my water well and having a way to refill the holding tank on the RV. The black water tank with all the poo was another problem I needed to fix, because the holding tank, after my sister-in-law's visit, was looking dangerously full. I decided that I'd figure out what to do about it on my next trip up.

I have made great progress in cutting down dead trees, and it is really a nice way to meditate, with the loud noise and smell of chain oil and exhaust. I've probably felled 30 or so dead trees and cut them up, segregating the hardwood for firewood I'll work up this winter. The softwood is perfect for my campfire that I have set up outside the RV. Very peaceful and away from it all.

This weekend I came up on Thursday night, so I could take a nice four-day weekend and get a lot accomplished. I got my Internet cable and telephone hooked up so I can use this as a getaway, even being able to work up here sometimes.

So on Friday I filled the water tank, worked hard all day, and really enjoyed that hot shower at the end of the day; and I ordered a portable outhouse and had it put onsite. Very nice---they come and pump it out and clean it every week as a part of the service. I was still puzzling over how to empty the black water tank on the RV, though, and this was really preying on my mind. The service won't pump it out because they say they run the risk of collapsing the tank. The best suggestion they had was to empty it 5 gallons at a time into the portable toilet.

This was a task that I figured I'd reserve for the end of the weekend, just because it was so nasty, and because the RV was now positioned such that there were lots of trees, roots, and rocks that I'd need to negotiate with the bucket.

In the meantime, I had a great Saturday with my dad and step-mom; it was a beautiful day, and we went to a local lobster pound for lunch. I didn't get much work done on Saturday because they wanted to visit, and mostly I am here in Maine to be closer to them anyway, so that was all cool. In any event, that evening I was having dinner with an acquaintance. So I did a little work around the place after they left, and then took a nice long hot shower and got ready.

As I was brushing my teeth in the tiny bathroom, I noticed that the floor was wet. And there was a horrible smell. I lifted the lid

on the toilet and the bowl had about a quart of really nasty smelling water in it. And somehow it was leaking from the connection near the floor into the carpet. (Who puts carpet in a bathroom in an RV?) I figured it might be a problem with the leveling and the full tank, but was out of time and the guy I was having dinner with had just pulled in. (It was important to have this dinner, as I was pitching him on buying a lot up here, which will help me to finance a house here.) I opened the windows in the RV, and noticed as I was leaving that my shoes had left a wet footprint in the carpet in the bathroom. Not a good sign.

So I went and had dinner, all the while wondering what I was going to do about the problem, and dreading returning to the RV. Finally it was about 10:30 and pitch black when he dropped me off. I went into the RV, which was smelling pretty ripe, and changed my clothes. Got a flashlight and negotiated the rocks, pokey sticks, branches, tree stumps and roots, and got behind the RV. There really wasn't a very good chance to set the bucket up on a level surface low enough to let the tank drain. But I managed to set it up and then opened the valve.

I wasn't quite prepared for the force of the water coming out. The bucket filled, promptly fell over, and the hose decided to direct its stream toward me. The water was a light brown color, fortunately with no solids. I had one of my A-HA moments, realizing that the shower must have been draining into the tank as well. Or something. Made no difference now as I was soaking wet, it was 43 degrees out, (it's Maine in the summer!) and things smelled a little bad in the general area around the RV.

Gamely I tried again. Set up the bucket, opened the valve a little more slowly this time, and managed to get a full bucket. Carefully (although at this point I don't know why I was worried about spilling anything on me) I walked the bucket over to the portable toilet and poured it into the tank. Pretty much filled up the remaining volume there with the one bucket, and I knew there was lots more where that came from. This time I figured I'd empty it like we used to do in the old days when we had an outhouse here, and finally the job was done with the smell permeating the air.

Ah, Maine.

By this point I was wet and stinky, and of course the inside of the RV with the soaked rug was pretty stinky as well, and I had the windows open to air it out.

I didn't know what was worse: the air outside or the air inside. So I did what any logical person would do: I built a big smoky fire outside. That helped, because now the RV smelled like a wet, smoky sewer. I hosed down the drainage areas as best I could and shed my clothes outside, came into the RV and had a nice hot shower.

Sleep came easier to me once I drank a bottle of wine.

The next morning the birds were singing, the air was fresh (except in the bathroom) and I was shivering in my bed, as I had slept with the windows open. The fire was still smoking away, but I had gotten used to the smell and rather liked it. In fact I was a little worried that I had gotten so used to the sewer smell that I couldn't smell it any more. You know, like before a date when you keep sniffing your armpits to see if you stink and never can be absolutely certain? Could I feel confident dressing and going to the Home Depot to continue what is turning into a very lucrative relationship for them?

Deciding yes, I made my way out to civilization to get a carpet knife and various odor-reducing supplies.

I'll spare you the details of the carpet removal, only to say that I developed a compulsion to wash my hands constantly for about two hours after I had finished.

The RV safely drying out and the smell moderated, I decided to spend the rest of the day chopping down trees and whacking weeds. Everything was going great, and I decided that I'd use my 15-foot tree lopper to remove some branches from an oak tree that were threatening the RV. There were some deadfall branches caught in a snag that were going to be a problem this winter. If they fell on the roof, they could cause a leak, and in the winter I wouldn't be here to find out about it until it was too late and I would have water damage. These branches (there were two that needed to be sawed off) were VERY high. I had to stand on the

roof of the RV with the lopper fully extended its fifteen feet just to be able to reach on tiptoes.

So I patiently started to saw. Sometimes it's so hard to keep the saw in the groove that the thing would bounce around and start a new groove. The branch was mostly rotten, anyway, and it seemed that I wasn't sawing it so much as abrading it away.. So I decided to switch tactics. Maybe if I cut the larger branch underneath that had to go anyway, it would pull the other branches down with it. This one was easier to get to, so I started sawing in earnest. Much better, as I didn't have to go up on tiptoe.

Thing is, because the branch was so high, it was kind of hard to see just how big it was. As it turned out, it was about a 20-foot-long, 6-inch-diameter branch. No wonder it was taking so much time to saw through, as I later discovered. But the thing I failed to consider was just how much mass such a tree branch represented... and falling from a height of about 22 feet...

A loud crack and everything seemed to happen at once. I steadied the lopper pole, and then saw what amounted to a fairly large oak tree (the branch) fall, hitting the rail on the top of the RV, and then shattering the rear window of the RV into a million pieces.

Sudden silence.

Except for me, because I was saying words I didn't even know I knew.

Figuring that the rest of the day was now planned out for me, I decided that the best thing to do would be to calmly continue trimming the remainder of the branches while I was on the roof of the RV. (After all, I wouldn't want them to fall on the RV this winter, would I? Also, I was dreading seeing what things looked like down there.

I made my way down the ladder (now mostly separated from the back of the RV—the branch must have hit that, too) and surveyed the damage.

Glass everywhere, mixed in with the leaf litter. I went inside to discover that the force of the blow had scattered glass not only all over both twin beds in the rear, but that there were pieces on the dashboard up front and everywhere in between. Thank heavens I had purchased a dust buster for these kinds of clean-ups.

Two hours later...

With most of the glass cleaned up from inside (although I'm still finding little pieces when I walk barefoot), I made the trek once again into town to the Home Depot for some plastic and plastic tape.

Once the plastic was covering the rear window, I stepped back to admire my handiwork. It was a little crooked where I didn't fold the plastic back squarely, and the tape was pretty random looking. Then I noticed the rather large hole where the branch had actually ripped a hole in the metal and apparently broken something made of wood inside. Without pausing for a beat, I took another piece of plastic, folded it into a bandage, and taped it over the hole.

Stinking, battered and bruised, my RV and I have slowly been acquiring our Down East character. I am discovering that the veneer of civilization, which was a ridiculous concept from the outset to a Maine boy, is easily stripped away.

Eric

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

This has certainly been another week of lovely October weather. It's a little colder, though, than last week, as on Wednesday morning I discovered a layer of ice on the front window of my car. What a shock! Indian Summer is really over, at least for now.

We have been busy this week. Today (Thursday) the Milo Free Public Library was hostess to part of the Tri-Counties librarians' meeting at Milo. First we met at 9:00 a.m. at the Penquis Valley High School where Nancy B. Grant was the hostess. She had delicious snacks setting out fruits, vegetables, mini-donuts and juices. When the eleven of us had assembled in the conference room, Janet McKenney was our

guide through Web Junction. She introduced us as to how to search and also showed us how to sign up for library courses-many of which are free. There was also talk of possibly taking courses as a group. She informed us too that there is an on-line calendar now with all Maine Public Library events listed. Before Janet began her talk, Nancy had participants fill out their lunch orders for Elaine's Café and faxed the order into the restaurant. After our instruction at PVHS, we moved to the Milo Free Public Library about 11:30. On the way to the library Nancy picked up the lunches at the restaurant.

We enjoyed a working lunch. For dessert I had made brownies and chocolate chip cookies. The cookies seemed to be a big hit as I had none left. As we ate our lunches, we had a more informal meeting with librarians discussing library problems. Valerie Osborne, the Northern Maine District Consultant, led the discussion. We broke up the meeting about 2:00 to return to our home bases.

Wednesday there was another Kiwanis Kids Korner, and Val was back as leader. Twelve children had a pleasant walk down from school on a lovely fall afternoon to join 5 who were already at the library. Adults were Val, Natalie Hitchcock, Frank Cochrane, Michelle Lemik and Sharon Washburn. Teen Key Club members present to help out were Brittany Armour, Nicole Carey, Rebecca Carpenter, John Kearns, Kayla Kearn, Ace Miller, Katie Patten and Kristen Robinson.

Val read the story of Stellaluna by Jannel Cannon while the "Kids" enjoyed fruit yogurt, low fat sugar-free muffins and juice boxes. The craft was once again a fascinating "magic scratch" material. This time the children worked on heart shaped stickers.

We have been fortunate to have many large print books donated to the library recently. Helen Henderson has donated large print editions of:-

Anderson, Catherine	SUMMER BREEZE
Edwards, Kim	THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER
Kinkade, Thomas	A CHRISTMAS PROMISE

Helen has also donated other hardcover books not large print. She has given us Night Fires by Justin Dare, Frontier Woman by Joan Johnston, Shot Gun Bride by Linda Lael Miller, The Cattle Baron's Wife and Magnolia Creek by Jill Marie Landis. Thank you, Helen, for these gift books.

Bill Heath and Betty Lufkin have also donated hardcover large print books from their mother's, Mary Heath's, collection.

THE COLLECTED SHORT STORIES OF LOUIS L'AMOUR
THE COMPLETE WESTERN STORIES OF ELMORE LEONARD

Clark, Mary Jayne	HIDE YOURSELF AWAY
Clark, Mary Higgins	LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART
Fletcher, Jessica	A VERY MERRY MURDER (contains 2 Christmas stories)

From Mary's collection we also received several large print Reader's Digest paperback condensed books. We thank both Helen Henderson and the children of Mary Heath for these useful additions to our large print collection. If you have trouble reading regular print books or know someone who does,

please come in and check out our expanding large print collection.

Last week I mentioned a box that had come from Baker & Taylor containing new books. Here is the list of our newest titles:-

Evans, Richard Paul	THE GIFT
Follett, Ken	WORLD WITHOUT END
Johansen, Iris	PANDORA'S DAUGHTER
Sebold, Alice	THE ALMOST MOON (author of The Lovely Bones)
VanLiere, Donna	THE CHRISTMAS PROMISE

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

On Saturday, October 27th, SOAR will be having a bake sale at the American Legion Hall in Milo during the Auxiliary Craft Fair.

We would appreciate any donations of baked goods - every little bit will help for our community service people overseas to have a Christmas care package. Please come out and show your support for our Troops!! - Thanks and we hope to see you there.

Monetary donations and/or Christmas card for the care packages can be mailed to SOAR PO Box 365 Milo, ME 04463.

Can You Help??

The Milo Historical Society is in desperate need of a computer. We have literally thousands of items cataloged from photos to newspaper clippings to maps to blueprints to artifacts, etc... We are receiving new material all the time and need another computer so that more than one person can be entering the new items. If you are thinking of getting a new computer and have no use for your old one (and it is still in working order) we would appreciate your thinking of us. Call Gwen Bradeen at 943-2369 or Virgil Valente at 943-2167 if you are able to help us out.

I would also ask if you have a genealogy of your family we would like to have a copy. Most of the requests we receive are from people seeking information on their family tree.

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD BADGER

ENFIELD - Richard Badger, 57, died Oct. 18, 2007, at a Lincoln hospital. He was born Oct. 12, 1950, in Milo, the son of Fred and Jennie (Damon) Badger. He liked to hunt, fish and to build things. He loved watching NASCAR. The family would like to thank Dr. Shannon and the nurses at Penobscot Valley Hospital for the excellent care he received there. He is survived by a daughter, Roxanne Badger of Orneville; one brother, Fred Badger of Florida; two sisters, Barbara and Sarah Badger; his long-time companion, Sarah Tibbetts of Enfield; her daughter, Amy Tibbetts of Michigan; several nieces and nephews. Friends may call 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Clay Funeral Home, 7 Lee Road, Lincoln. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Jack Stewart officiating. Interment will be at Town Line Cemetery, Enfield. Donations may be made to the family. Donations may be left at the funeral home. For an online register book, please visit www.clayfuneralhome.com

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Connections Use Connections to post your own free classified ads and keep in touch with friends and family members in both the Civilian and Military service. Submit your Connections by emailing info@trcmaine.org, mailing it to Connections c/o Izzy Warren; 6 Kimball Street, Milo, ME

04463, or submitting it online
 at <http://www.trcmaine.org/connections/>
 TRC Community Calendar The area's activities, provided by
 the gang at www.trcmaine.org Visit
<http://calendar.trcmaine.org/> for a full listing.

Monday, October 22

9:00a Monday Morning Quilters
 11:45a Meals for ME
 2:15p Girl Scout Troop #299
 2:30p Milo - 4-H After School Chess Club
 6:00p Volley Ball
 6:30p Atkinson Selectmen
 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:00p Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

Tuesday, October 23

3:00p Girl Scout Troop #594
 5:00p D-F : Free Quit Smoking Workshop
 5:30p Line Dancing
 6:30p Post #92 Bingo

Wednesday, October 24

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis
 10:00a Church Thrift Shop
 1:00p Mayo Diabetes Support Group
 2:15p Girl Scout Troop #538
 6:00p K.I. Riders
 6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters
 6:00p Milo - Yoga Level 1
 6:30p LaGrange Selectmen
 6:30p Order of the Rainbow
 6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115
 6:30p Brownville Selectmen
 7:00p Overeaters Anonymous
 7:00p Bowerbank Selectmen

Thursday, October 25

11:30a EAAA Outreach at Milo
 11:45a Meals for ME
 4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class
 6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112
 6:00p Milo Selectmen
 6:00p Post #92 Meeting
 6:30p Line Dancing
 6:30p BJHS Card Party
 7:00p Sebec - Open Mic Night

Friday, October 26

11:45a Meals for ME
 12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens

6:15p Post #41 Bingo

Saturday, October 27

1:00a Milo : American Legion Craft Fair
 4:00a LaGrange - Hunters' Breakfast
 4:30a Milo - PVHS Hunter's Breakfast
 11:00a Ofelia's Mobile Food Pantry & Thrift Store

Sunday, October 28

12:00p Karate Class
 1:00p Sebec : Monthly Scrap Booking Crop
 2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do
 4:00p D-F : Tara Lilly Benefit Concert
 6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
 7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous



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RUMMAGE And Book SALE

Saturday November 3, 2007

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Milo Town Hall Dining Room

Proceeds to benefit the

Milo Elementary Playground

AND PAWS

Goodies provided by the 5th Grade

Donations may be dropped off on the porch
 at the shelter or be picked up by Victoria
 Eastman (943-2400).

And after you attend the sale, come over to PAWS
 for an Open House. From 10-12 noon, Mary Jean and Joyce will
 be hosting informal tours or PAWS. Come and see what
 wonderful things your donations are doing.

While there, you can check out our kittens!! We have
 15 kittens who will be available for adoption within the next
 month!

Available after Friday are Sarah and her two daughters. They
 will be spayed and ready for their new homes!!





**Do you recognize me?
I was found at the
Ellingson house on the
line of Milo and
Brownville. I am a
neutered male and
someone must be
missing me because I
am perfect!!
In the picture I am
yawning because I'm a
bit bored here at the
Shelter. Call 943-
2324 if you think I'm
yours.**

**Three Rivers Kiwanis
Milo - Brownville**



October 17, 2007

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." (Leo Buscaglia)

Fourteen members gathered at The Restaurant last Wednesday and were greeted by President Val Robertson. Also present was an interclub from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Club and Penquis Key Club members, Josh Clement, Brittney Newbert, Paige McGuinness, Jessica Kahl, and Kelsey Ottman. Builders Club Advisor, Rachel Larlee, also attended with members Kendra Hall, Camille Cramer, Jessica Clement, and Justice Black.

Eben DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and George Barton offered the Morning Prayer.

Dick Graves celebrated a birthday on October 17 and Chris and Sue Almy celebrated their anniversary on Oct. 21.

Communications included the membership dues bill from Kiwanis International. Our club dues bills will be sent out this week.

Happy dollars were given for the great meal Val prepared at Dover Kiwanis's installation; for Doc Sherman's 50 years in Kiwanis, for two great kids, for the Key Club serving at Manna Food Kitchen and going to Orono-Old Town's installation of officers.

Ed & Ethelyn Treworgy, Lois Trask, and Val Robertson along with Key Club members Josh Clement, Brittney Newbert and Bruce Benoit attended Orono-Old Town Kiwanis's installation of officers on Oct. 16.

The new Veterans Memorial Park signage is in place and because the cost was less than expected, the remainder of funds will be used to purchase a couple of shrubs to place beside the sign. There are plans to have pictures of it on the TRC Website and to hold a dedication service next spring.

Joe Zamboni discussed the need for an auction storage building and suggested the possibility of constructing a building. We have an immediate need to store some items. If anyone has space that Kiwanis could use for storage for the winter, please contact Joe.

The Veterans Dinner will be sponsored by Kiwanis again this year and will be held on Nov. 12.

Our speakers today were Brenda Fraser, Chris Knapp and Tom Iverson, County Emergency Manager. Their talk was focused on the way that the Flood of 1987 and the Ice Storm of 1998 affected our county and how the possibility of a pandemic influenza outbreak would devastate us if we were not prepared for it. Because substantial numbers of our population could be affected, medical care will be a problem, drugs could be ineffective at first, and there would be economic and social disruptions.

The Penquis Leadership Institute's class of 2007 took on the job for starting to prepare our county for such an outbreak by putting together a database of volunteers and businesses that will be able assist to be used by the towns. They recommend that every business have a plan of action during such an emergency. They have also implemented a "Memorandum of Understanding" which is an agreement by businesses and contractors with the County Emergency Center that they are willing to do certain things and charge a "reasonable rate." This is to avoid gouging that has happened around the country in recent disasters.

It is also the intent to raise awareness with individuals to prepare their homes with non-perishable foods, etc. A brochure will be available as a reminder of what people can do to prepare and Chris, Brenda and Tom are available to talk to groups also.

Many thanks to these individuals for a very interesting presentation.

Next week's speaker will be a representative from the Milo Historical Society.

Lois Trask, Sec.

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Candlelight Vigil

Join us at the
Gazebo in Milo on Monday, Oct. 29th at 6pm,
to honor victims of domestic violence in recognition of
October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Candlelight Vigil at 6p.m.

This vigil is to remember those who have died, celebrate the survivors, and affirm a nonviolent future. For more information please call 564-8165.

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P.O. Box 192,

Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426,

207-564-8165, helpline 1-888-564-8165.