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AMERICAN JAMBOREE'S COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE

WINGLER AUDITORIUM PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
AT THE MILO TOWN HALL
On April 26th From--6:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
PROCEEDS TO BE USED FOR PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
RENOVATIONS --BY DONATION ONLY
COUNTRY, GOSPEL AND BLUEGRASS MUSIC
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED BY THE MILO REC.
COMMITTEE---50/50 RAFFLE
CONTACT RON KNOWLES FOR INFORMATION @ 279-9700

Three Rivers Kiwanis Auction

To be held June 19th and 20th-2008

Due to the cost and difficulty of disposing of white goods (refrigerators, stoves, washers etc.), we request that if you have a large item to donate you have it plugged in and working when we pick it up.

Also, due to lack of storage space, these items will only be picked up a day or two before the auction, as we will need to store them under our tent.

We will have access to an electrical plug-in at the tent, so the absolute best situation would be if you could deliver it and show us it works at the time of delivery!! As always, any and all donations of money help greatly.

This is our yearly fundraiser and we need to raise enough to cover the 21 programs we sponsor for area children and Senior Citizens. Mail any donation to:

Valerie Robertson, Pres. Three Rivers Kiwanis
PO Box 81

Milo, ME 04463

Thanks! Bobby Ellison...943-2317

Joe Zamboni ...943-2271

Kiwanis Variety Show

One Night Only!

May 2!! ---From 7-9

**Wingler Auditorium Performing
Arts Center {We could still use
more singers for our chorus}!**

Substitute Librarian Needed!!! At the Milo
Free Public Library-
Call 943-2612 or 943-2202 for info.

Perl J. Morrison April 15, 1936-December 16, 2006

Happy Birthday!!

*If you were still with us we would all be celebrating your
72nd birthday on Tuesday.*

*Every day, month and year that goes by we think of you.
You will always be in our hearts and minds, we miss you so
much. When you left you took a little piece of all of us with
you.*

*It's been an awful long winter and we are anxious for the
snow to go so we can get to your stone and rake and put
some new things on it. We all spend a lot of time there
because it's where we feel the closest to you. We each have
our talks with you in private or together; we know you are
listening and watching.*

Happy Birthday, Perl, Daddy and Bampa

Update on the "Every 15-Mins Program"

The next informational meeting will be Monday April 14th from 3-5 at The Penquis Schools Conference Room by the High School Library. We have found a place for the retreat, and I've had a chance to meet with Mayo's Counseling department to obtain volunteers for the 2 days. I will have a complete dossier of events through the crash and the end of the memorial service. As of today, it is one month until the event! Every single resident of the area covered by Penquis Schools is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Thank you---Katie Joyner-Robertson

Attention Parents of 7th and 8th Grade Penquis Students---

Due to the graphic nature of the events of the 2 days of the "Every 15-Minutes" program, we urge you to give a lot of thought to whether or not your child attends the events. You have all received permission slips and we want you to consider your child's maturity and coping skills before making your decision. If you have any questions at all, PLEASE call the school and talk to Scott or Katie. This program is meant to impact everyone hard and may not be easy for those who have experienced a loss. On the other hand, it may be the most important lesson your child will ever get on the consequences of driving under the influence.

Coming soon PAWS big yard sale. As soon as the snow goes we are having a yard sale to raise money for PAWS. You can leave donations at 12 Park St [Laurie Hansen's house beside NAPA] from 11 am to 9 pm or call 943-2276 for a good time to drop stuff off. Think of us when you do your spring cleaning!!!

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AREA SCHOOL NEWS

Terrific Kids from Milo...

Mrs. Carey - We are very proud of all our kindergarten friends but there is one little girl in particular that we'd like to honor this week. She has made excellent progress getting all her morning jobs accomplished. This used to be a problem for her but she tried using an "I Can" attitude - and... you guessed it; she now finishes all her jobs. We are thankful to have Latoya Lemon in our kindergarten family.

Mrs. Walker - We have chosen a dear sweet little girl again for a second time. She gets all her jobs done in the morning and goes right to her browsing box to read. Can she read up a storm from her browsing box? She is ready daily for a new story. We know she must read a lot at home with her older sister that she cherishes. This TK has become quite a writer, too. She wrote a two-page story about seeing deer by the roadside while riding in the car. Keep up your good work for FIRST GRADE. Congratulations, Libby Sanborn, our new/old TK!!!!

Mrs. Barden - After a rough start to the week, our terrific kid has shown us a great attitude. She is using her reading strategies more and listening carefully in math class. We hope she keeps up the good work habits. Congratulations, Gabby Pariseau!

Mrs. Hayes - Our young terrific friend is a kind and respectful friend. She cooperates with her teachers and she uses polite

manners. She has become a fluent and expressive reader. We are proud of her strong character and her pleasant personality. Thank you Megan Robbins for being a special member to our school family.

Mrs Tardiff & Mrs. Hussey - Julian has been working very hard to become a Terrific Kid! He has tried hard to be an active listener and take turns. Julian is a wonderful math student and often solves problems before anyone else in the class! We are proud of Julian's progress and hope it continues. Congratulations Julian Maxcy!!

Mrs. Dunham - Our Terrific Kid is a boy who has made some great progress this year. He has improved his reading and writing skills. His journal entries keep getting longer and longer. He has learned to use many strategies to figure out problems. He is a kind and caring friend to all his classmates. Congratulations to Jason Lewis.

Mrs. Mills - Our terrific kid is a young lady who works hard each day. She is friendly to everyone and always very helpful. I have seen improvements in her reading and writing. Her handwriting is great. It is great to have Brianna Stone in our class.

Mrs. Whitney - 4 Whitney's Terrific Kid this week is Jarod Webb. He is always willing to do his work without complaint, does well on all assignments, and is happy every day that he comes in. I can always count on him to be a willing participant in any activity with any partner in the classroom. His cooperation is a breath of fresh air! Welcome spring!

Mrs. Johnston - This week's Terrific Kid could be TK any week. She always uses her time wisely, gets her work done, and goes back willingly to edit or revise when asked. She is polite, helpful, and respectful in the class. She is especially vigilant about remembering where she needs to be at particular points in the day, which is a big help to me! I am happy to have Linsley Karpowicz as Terrific Kid.

Mrs. Knowlton - Our TK this week is someone who could earn this honor every week of the school year. She is Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable! She has ALL of the qualities necessary to be a TERRIFIC kid! She is an Outing Club member, a Civil Rights team member, a Drama Club member, and a Band member! (And she gets all of her schoolwork done, too!!) Congratulations, Lil Costello!

Mrs. Clukey - My terrific kid this week has worked really hard to improve his behavior this week, with a 90 percent success rate. I believe he is a kind and caring individual who just needs to learn to think before he speaks. I have seen steady improvement in his behavior throughout the year and he is now beginning to see the positive consequences from this. He has been able to help Mr. Eastman out with some music classes and has regained his place in the 6th grade band. I have also seen an increase in the amount of work he is producing in all his subjects. So for his efforts this week I am proud to name Tyler Tibbetts this week's terrific kid.

Ms. Clark - K=K is for kind. This student is kind and helps others out. She is also on the civil rights team.

E=E is for Excellent. She does an excellent job on her schoolwork! She is also doing an excellent job on our play's set. L=L is for Loyal. She is loyal to her friends. She supports them and stands by them.

L-L is for light. She is a light in your classroom.

Y= Y is for yearling. She might have a yearling goat that she is raising to show. Our terrific kid is Kelly Patten. Kelly could be

terrific kid any time. She has continued to be an excellent asset to our sixth grade class!

From Marion Cook School



Rashelle Gilbert, Andrew Vaillancourt, and April Morgan were honored as Terrific Kids at our April 11th assembly.

Miss Nott: Rashelle Gilbert is my terrific kid this week. Rashelle has done a nice job this week getting along with others and making good choices in the classroom. Rashelle is working hard to learn her sight words and sounding out words in her writing. Keep up the good work Rashelle!

Miss Brown: Andrew is the terrific kid this week because he exceeds the standard often. He works to his potential on all assignments, and he will add more details to things if asked. Andrew has great voice in his writing and he has very neat handwriting. Andrew has a great sense of humor and he is a great friend to others. Andrew can be counted on to always have his planner signed and his homework completed. Andrew is helpful to me and to peers in the class. Congratulations Andrew!

Miss K.: April has done a great job staying on task and getting all of her assignments completed. She's had a good attitude and has done well getting along with others. April does all of her homework and gets her Planner signed each night. Congratulations April!

Bus Students of the Week: Sha-Lynn, Alyssa V., Edward

Civil Rights Team Award: Alyssa V. She's nice to the teachers and follows all the rules. Artists of the Week: Rashelle, Joe, Sariah, Rebecca, Harley

Happy Birthday: Sonny Hayes (Our Terrific Parent) 47

Move and Improve Prize Winners: Mrs. Worcester, Cassidy, Kortnie, Haley M., Sha-Lynn, Rachael

Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Kaya, Josh, Andrew, Ethan, Edward Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



From Brownville

Alexis Coover has had her art chosen to be part of a Traveling Art Exhibit through the University of Maine. Alexis is a 5th grader at Brownville Elementary and Mrs. Chapman is her art teacher.

BROWNVILLE ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS

K-Jonah Coover 1-Hunter Harrison 2-Alex Smith 3-Jazymn Gray 4-Emily Gerrish 5-Alexis Coover 6-Jake McSwine



Citizen of the Week David



HONOR ROLL 3RD QUARTER PENQUIS VALLEY SCHOOL

SENIORS

HIGH HONORS

CHELSEA CLARK
SARAH DRISCOLL
HALEY FLANDERS-PATTEN
JENNIFER GOODINE
CHERYL ROESING

HONORS

CODY ANDREWS
ALLISON BADGER
NOAH BISSELL
ELIZABETH BLANCHARD
NYCOLE CAREY
LYNN DOWNING
KYLE GERO
JESSICA KAHL
RYAN MADDEN
HOLLY MOORE
REBECCA PERRY
SARAH PHILBRICK
ROBERT PILON
TRAVIS WILLETTE

FRESHMEN HIGH HONORS

JOSHUA BESSEY
ALEXANDER DRUMMOND
KENDRA NEWMAN
SHELBY WESTON
SADIE ZAMBRANO

HONORS

BRIANNE ANDREWS
CAROLYN BESS
MALLORY BIGELOW
CHRISTINA BOWDEN
DARLENE DESROCHERS
ALYSSA GRAY
KAYLA KEARNS
BROOKE MCLAUGHLIN
JUSTIN OTTMANN
TAYLER POMERLEAU
TRAYLOR SPENCER
JOSHUA USHER

JUNIORS

HIGH HONORS

JOSEPH LELAND
ERICA LYFORD
PAIGE MCGUINNESS

HONORS

DREW BELLATTY
BRITNEY CROSS
LOGAN GREENLAW
KELSEY OTTMANN
RANDI SMITH
JONATHAN SPENCER
ASA SPROUL
SAVANNAH STUBBS
KAYLA WEBB
SHANE WOODARD

8TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

CAMILLE CRAMER
SHELBY PATTEN
ALLISON VALVO

HONORS

MIRANDA ANDRICK
KAMBREA ATKINSON
ANGEL DESMARAIS
ASHLEY GOODINE
RYAN HEATH
ANDREW KELLEY
TAYLOR LOVEJOY
SHAYNE MCSWINE
JOSHUA STANHOPE
KLAY STEVENS
STEPHANIE VACHON

SOPHOMORES

HIGH HONORS

MICHELLE BUCCI
RACHEL EMERY

HONORS

HANNA BACKUS
AMANDA BROWN
JUSTIN FEENEY
SHELBY FOWLES
MORGAN HALL
COREY HERBEST
ETHAN HERRELL
JAMIE KLEINKAUF
SARA LEMIK
BREANNE MCKINLEY
JESSE MCLAUGHLIN
JACK MERRITT
CRYSTAL MILLS
ZACHARY O'QUINN
RICHIE RUSSELL
TIFFANY TUSCANO

7TH GRADE HIGH HONORS

MINDY DOWNING
RACHEL WORSTER

HONORS

ZACHARY EELLS
KENDRA HALL
PETER MORSE
SARAH WILLINSKI
EVAN WORSTER

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith D. Macdougall

Today (Thursday again) if you look up the sky is sunny and spring-like. If you look down, the snow is melting. Spring is on its way. Of course, we don't know when true spring will be here. Folks are wondering aloud if the snow banks will be gone by July. My experience has been that suddenly everything happens at once and a warm sunny day in April performs miracles. After all, the tulips by the post office are already starting up. If that isn't optimism, I don't know what is!



We had a disappointment on Wednesday. One of our faithful substitutes called to say she was planning to move to Florida. Oh no! Her daughters have been begging her to come, and Susan wants to be nearer her daughters. This will be our loss though as for over a year, Susan has been a big help at the library, and she has been a good friend too. In January 2006 we were afraid we had too many substitutes although we do a rotation system so everyone gets a chance to work. However, soon one sub resigned to go to school again, one got a full time job and two could only work certain days due to family health problems.

Shortly after this disheartening call, Jeffrey Gahagan, the new town manager came in to visit the library. We had a pleasant time, and before he left, he asked if there was anything he could do to help. I was just making a note to tell him of our new substitute situation so I was able to bring up this problem right away. He agreed to have an ad put into the paper immediately. It would announce that the library needed new substitutes and that interested parties could apply at the town office in the next two weeks. If you are interested in this position, please note it is for a library substitute. It is not a full-time job. Work will be available when Pam or I am on vacation or ill. As I've stated above, we use a rotation system so every sub will get a chance to work in time. If you are interested, please fill out an application at the Milo Town Office within the next two weeks.

April 15th is coming right up. Income Tax time! We do have all kinds of Income Tax forms to help you fill out your taxes. For those who have not been filing lately, we have special 1040A Stimulus packets with forms, instructions and preaddressed envelopes to fill out to help you receive your government rebate check.

We have received more books from Baker & Taylor to finish up our March order. I called in the April order on Wednesday so those new books should be arriving soon too. Our newest titles are:-

Clark, Carol Higgins	ZAPPED
Clark, Mary Higgins	WHERE ARE YOU NOW
Greeley, Andrew M.	IRISH TIGER (gift of Jackie Wood)
Kellerman, Jonathan	COMPULSION (Alex Delaware)
Langan, Mike	DARK HORSE
Perry, Anne	BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDENS

Please note the Library will be closed on

MONDAY, APRIL 21ST In Observance Of PATRIOT'S DAY
Library Winter Hours
Mon.-Wed.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00



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

What do Troy Richards, Janet Richards, and Sara Richards share besides the same last name? Grandson/son, daughter-in-law:-mother-in-law? Well in this case they all share the month of April for a birthday: With Troy turning 30 on Friday.. (we won't tell the ladies' ages) he was perfectly willing to share his cake and ice cream with them both. So happy Birthday to all the Richards Clan. And thank you for sharing Troy.

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/>

Jobs

PENQUIS JOB OPENINGS

Center Aide (3), and Assistant Teacher (2)

Penquis, a social services agency serving Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Knox counties for 40 years, has the following openings:

Center Aide:

□ One full-time position (40 hrs/wk, 52 wks/yr) working variable shifts in a preschool room in Bangor.

□ One full-time position (40 hrs/wk, 52 wks/yr) working variable shifts in an infant/toddler room in Bangor.

□ One part-time position (25 hrs/wk, 52 wks/yr) working 12:30-5:30 p.m. in a preschool room in Old Town.

Position assists with greeting children, getting them settled into the facility, assisting with playground supervision and activities, and other daily activities related to the operation of the classroom, including light cleaning duties. Requires a high school diploma or equivalent, basic reading, writing and math skills, and the ability to lift and carry up to 50 pounds. Training in child care or social welfare and previous paid experience working with children are preferred. Position starts at \$8.45/hr.

Assistant Teacher:

□ One full-time position (40 hrs/wk, 52 wks/yr) in an infant/toddler room in Bangor.

□ One full-time position (36 hrs/wk, 52 wks/yr) in Bangor.

Position assists with the daily needs of children and the activities that provide services to children and families. Requires one semester or equivalent (6 months) of post high-school training/education in a child care arena and at least one year of paid experience working with children. Position starts at \$9.72/hr.

Penquis offers an excellent benefits package and competitive wages. An application form and job description are available from Penquis, 262 Harlow Street, P.O. Box 1162, Bangor, ME 04402-1162, Tel: 973-3500, TDD: 973-3520, from our offices in Lincoln, Rockland and Dover-Foxcroft, or you may apply online at www.penquis.org. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Please indicate position(s) in which you are interested when applying.

In accordance with federal regulations, Penquis does not discriminate. Reasonable accommodations will be made for otherwise qualified persons with disabilities.

FREE HELP FINDING CHILD CARE Good Beginnings Last a Lifetime !

Free child care referrals from the Penquis Child Care Resource Development Center (RDC) are available for all families in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties.

Choosing child care is one of the most important decisions a family must make. Parents searching for a safe and healthy environment for their child will be provided with a checklist of questions to ask a prospective provider and things to look for when visiting child care programs. The list of available child care providers in Penobscot and Piscataquis Counties includes licensed Child Care Centers as well as certified Family Child Care providers and Care for ME (legal, exempt) providers caring for children in their homes.

The Penquis RDC provides a referral list, but does not make recommendations.

Families make their own choices. .

REGIONAL RECYCLING MEETING - APRIL

16 Residents are encouraged to attend a community meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, at the Milo Town Hall at 6:00 PM to discuss the implementation of a regional recycling program. Representatives from the communities, Penquis Solid Waste, and the State Planning Office will discuss options for moving forward with this initiative.

POST 41 AUXILIARY YARD SALE

The American Legion Auxiliary Post 41, Milo, is having a Yard Sale and Bake Sale on May 3rd from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

It will be inside, so it will be rain or shine. Hope to see you there.

SEBEC : BEAN SUPPER

Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Sebec Reading Room, Sebec Village. Sponsored by the Sebec Village Associates. The menu will include : Beans, Franks, American Chop Suey, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee and Punch.

All are welcome to join us for our first Bean Supper of the season !

TRC Community Calendar

Visit <http://calendar.trcmaine.org/> for a full listing.

Monday, April 14

9:00a Monday Morning Quilters

11:45a Meals for ME

6:00p Volley Ball

6:30p Atkinson Selectmen

7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00p Order of the Eastern Star

Tuesday, April 15

9:00a Womancare Outreach

11:30a Mt. Katahdin Senior Citizens

5:30p Line Dancing

6:00p Milo Selectmens Meeting

6:30p Support Our American Recruits

6:30p Post #92 Bingo

7:00p United Methodist Women

Wednesday, April 16

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis

9:00a D-F : VA Service Officer

10:00a Church Thrift Shop

12:30a Milo - VA Service Officer

6:00p K.I. Riders

6:00p Sons of Post #41

6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters

6:00p Regional Recycling Meeting

6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115

7:00p Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, April 17

11:45a Meals for ME

4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class

6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112

6:00p Brownville Snowmobile Club

7p Line Dancing

6:30p BJHS Card Party

7:00p Milo Historical Society Meeting

Friday, April 18

11:45a Meals for ME

12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens

6:15p Post #41 Bingo

Saturday, April 19

10:00a Trask Insurance - Free Verbal Jewelry

Appraisals/cleanings

10:00a Piscataquis Chamber Showcase

Sunday, April 20

2:00p Brownville Historical Society Meeting

2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do

6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

6:00p Brownville Jct. : Scrapbooking

7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

Time By Virgil Valente

Considering this is a leap year, I thought it might be interesting to try to make some sense out of our system of dividing time into units of the second, minute, hour, day, week, month and year.

It is easy to understand the day. Every sunrise starts a new day. How did the day become divided into 24 hours? Ancient civilizations divided the daylight into 12 hours. Just where this came from is not fully understood. Some have suggested it comes from the fact that there are approximately 12 lunar cycles a year as well 12 signs of the zodiac. Since many ancient cultures used the duodecimal number system it is possible that it came from that along with the use of the dozen. Others attribute the twelve to the number of finger bones in the hand. People used to count the finger bones with the thumb, 3 on each of 4 fingers. The ancient Egyptians also used the rising of 12 stars to divide the night. Since the time between sunrise and sunset was considered 12 hours, the actual length of the hour changed with the seasons. In ancient Italy, as with most cultures of the time, the day started at sunset. In December the sun rose during the 14th hour and noon

was the 19th hour. In June the sun rose during the 7th hour and noon was the 15th hour. It was convenient to number the hours starting with sunset because people would then know how much time they had left to get their work done before dark or the 24th hour.

The next question might be how did the hour get divided into 60 minutes? This probably came from the Babylonians who used a sexagesimal numbering system they inherited and perfected from the Sumerians. Our numbering system is a decimal system and uses the symbols 0 thru 9. The sexagesimal system uses a system based on 60. They used two symbols similar in shape to < and Y in their cuneiform writing. < was the symbol for 10 and Y for 1. For example <<<YY stood for 32. By the same reasoning a minute is divided into 60 sec.

Man has used devices called calendars to try to make sense of time. The first calendars appear to have been made by Cro Magnon man. These were lunar calendars invented around 32000 BC.

A lunar calendar is one that is set up on the cycles of the moon. The Islamic calendar is an example of one of these.

A solar calendar is based on the season cycles based on the position of the sun in the sky. The Persians and the Druids at Stonehenge used this type.

Some civilizations near the equator used the cycles of Venus to mark time. The ancient Egyptians used this type of calendar.

A lunisolar calendar uses both the moon and the sun. The Jewish calendar is an example and the origins of our calendar are in the lunisolar tradition with months approximately one lunar cycle and the year one solar cycle.

The major problem with all calendars is that none of them can be divided into an exact number of days. The solar year is about 365.24219 days long (365 days 5 hours 45 min. and 36 sec). The lunar month is about 29.53059 days long. That is 29 days 12 hours 44 min. and 3 sec.

Today there are a number of calendars in use. Most countries use the Gregorian calendar as we do for government purposes, but the Jews still use the Hebrew calendar for religious and cultural affairs. The Persian calendar is used in Iran and Afghanistan. Other Muslim countries use the Islamic calendar. The Chinese and Hindu calendars are also used in some areas for religious and social purposes. Others still in use are the Ethiopic and Buddhist Calendars.

For most purposes however, the world uses the Gregorian Calendar. Because of the AD and BC connotations other areas of the world use CE and BCE (Common Era and before Common Era) when assigning dates. What is the history of the Gregorian Calendar? It is really a mix of previous calendars. It comes mostly from the Roman Calendar. In fact, the word calendar comes from the Roman word Kalend which meant the beginning of the month. A priest was assigned to observe the sky. The day a thin crescent was observed by the priest after the new moon was declared the first day of the month. The Nones (nine days between the first quarter and full moon) were usually the 5th day of the month and signified the first quarter. The Ides were usually but not always the 15th and corresponded to the full moon. All the days after the Ides were numbered to give a countdown to the next Kalend. Days were labeled as A through H in a nine day cycle. Every ninth day was market day. C days were days when the citizens could vote on political or criminal matters. F was for days when legal action could be taken and so on. Romans also enjoyed more holidays than our weekends and holidays combined.

The origin of the seven day week appears to come from ancient Egypt. There seven objects in the sky that were recognized as not stars. These are the Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus and Saturn. We can recognize Sunday, Monday and Saturday as being named after the Sun, Moon and Saturn. The other days of the week have assumed Anglo-Saxon names so we don't see them as easily. Tuesday is for Mars, Wednesday for Mercury, Thursday for Jupiter and Friday for Venus.

Between 700 and 800 BC the Romans went to a fixed number of days for months instead of depending on the moon. The year began in March and consisted of 10 months with six of

them having 30 days and four having 31 days. This made a total of 304 days a year ending in December. The Roman prefixes of Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. stood for 7, 8, 9 and 10 so that is why these months have their names. After December there was a winter gap which was not counted in the year. According to tradition the king of Rome around 700 BC added January and February to fill in the gap. This added 50 days to the calendar making a total of 354. At the same time he deducted a day from all 30 day months leaving 11 months with an uneven number of days. February was left with an even number because it was given over to the infernal gods. This gave 355 days.

It didn't take long before the calendar was hopelessly out of step. Each year was 10 ¼ days shorter than the actual time it took for the earth to go around the sun. To try to bring things back in line an extra month, called Mercedonius, of 27 or 28 days was added every two years with the last 5 days of Feb dropped.

In 46 BC Julius Caesar started the Julian calendar. After consulting with an astronomer in Alexandria, it was decided to have 12 months of lengths as we know them today (except August which was given 31 days) and to add a day to February every third year. To get them to align with the solar year he added 67 days between November and December in 46 BC only.

The mistake with the leap year was caused because for some reason they added a day every first and fourth year. Augustus Caesar changed the rule to every fourth year and also skipped a few leap years to realign the year.

With the length of the year now at 365.25 days it would seem that all is in order. However this still causes the year to be 11 minutes longer than it really is. This caused the Julian calendar to be off by a day every 134 years. By 1582 it was 10 days out of alignment. This caused problems with the calculation of Easter. Pope Gregory XIII suggested changes to bring the year back in line. The change is that leap years are only celebrated in years divisible by 4 but century years have to be divisible by 400 or they are not leap years. His calendar was soon adopted by Spain, Portugal, Poland and most of Italy. Scotland, England and its colonies including the future United States waited until 1752. At that time the difference was 11 days so in 1752 Sept. 2nd was followed by Sept. 14th.

Russia did not change from the Julian to Gregorian until 1918. China was the last country to change in 1928. There are still some Eastern Orthodox churches who celebrate Christmas on Jan. 7 because that is equal to December 25th on the Julian calendar.

The Gregorian calendar is still not exact. It makes the average year 365.2425 days while the actual time for the earth to go around the sun is 365.24219 days. The time from one vernal equinox to the next is 365.2424 days which makes the Gregorian calendar very close. It is interesting to note that the calendar reforms were made to allow Easter to fall correctly in the year.

So why does the leap day fall in Feb.? Well, remember in ancient Rome March started the year. When Feb. was added it had 23 days. The leap day was considered Feb. 24. When the length of Feb. was changed to 28 days the day was added at the end. Some people still consider Feb. 24th to be the actual leap day.

Our method of keeping track of time comes from many different cultures and times. Some of it has a scientific basis but a lot of it comes from how ancient cultures observed their world. I hope this article helps explain it a little for you.

Soldier from Brownville Killed in Military Exercise (Taken from online edition of the Bangor Daily News)

A 23-year-old Milo man serving as a U.S. Army specialist was killed Wednesday when the 5-ton truck he was riding in turned over during a training exercise near Slagle, La., officials said Friday. Spc. William Charles Koelsch III of the Headquarters Company of the 1st Airborne Battalion, 509th Infantry Unit at Fort Polk, La., was a passenger in the truck, which was towing a fuel pump, when it flipped over, said Samantha Evans, a public

information officer at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk.

This unit is the "opposing force" used in training for units preparing to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan. Koelsch served as a motor transport operator. He graduated from Milo's Penquis Valley High School in 2004 and enlisted in the Army in September 2005. He had been stationed at the training center since 2006. Evans said she did not know whether he had served overseas during his enlistment.

U.S. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, was saddened at the news of Koelsch's death.

"This tragic accident has claimed the life of one of Maine's own and the thoughts and prayers of our entire community are with this brave soldier's family and loved ones," Snowe said in a statement. "There are no words that can adequately express the debt of gratitude we owe to someone who was so willing to answer his country's call to serve."

"All of Maine mourns the death of another brave soldier," Gov. John Baldacci said in a statement. "We will keep Spc. Koelsch's family and friends in our prayers during this difficult time."

Flags will be ordered flown at half-staff on the day of Koelsch's funeral, Baldacci said. No funeral information was immediately available Friday.

Koelsch's mother, Brenda Lee Koelsch, lives in Fort Fairfield. A sister, Lisa Koelsch, lives in Waterboro and reportedly drove to Fort Fairfield to be with her mother. Neither could be reached for comment Friday. The soldier's father lives in Texas.

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Minutes of Meeting

Reminder to all who were not present this past week - meetings are held at the American Legion Hall at 6:30 p.m. Breakfast buffet is provided by the Legion Auxiliary (and it was delicious) - cost is \$ 5.00 (no tip required) - enter through the back door.

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Seventeen members of Three Rivers Kiwanis met at the American Legion Hall in Milo on Wed. morning for a great breakfast buffet provided by the American Legion Auxiliary. Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis was represented by an interclub with five of their members and Josh, Ethan and Camille represented Penquis Valley Key Club and Builders Club.

Eben DeWitt led the Pledge of Allegiance and Herb Dunham offered the Morning Prayer.

Birthdays this week: Jeremy Finson - April 12 and Crystal Macomber celebrated on April 7th.

Happy Dollars were given for first boat ride up the river; flowers blooming; a great breakfast; the sunshine; geese and loons in the river; Jeremy's birthday; Edwin feeling much better; upcoming trip to Spain & Morocco. Sad Dollars were given because Frank was absent and for the golfers who are waiting for the snow to leave; also because the Masters is starting, the world will stop.

Val mentioned that the Penquis Valley High School will be participating in the "Every 15 Minutes" program on May 13 and requested that members participate, as they need some adults to assist. Katie Robertson Joyner, staff member and Key Club Advisor, who is coordinating this program, will speak to our group prior to the event.

In lieu of the After School Library program, it was suggested that perhaps a jump rope program might interest the kids and it could be held at the school. The physical involvement would be very beneficial to the students as well as something fun and different.

The Variety Show, "Anything Goes," has been changed to only one performance, which will be held Friday night, May 2nd. The committee is still looking for performers and singers for the community chorus.

The meeting for April 30th will be a Fifth Wed. meeting, possibly to be held at Pat's Pizza.

In lieu of a speaker, the program included the business of the Board Meeting on April 3rd. Pres. Val reported that Lt. Gov. of Div. 2 (New England District of Kiwanis) Maurice Neal and his wife, Corinne, from Dexter were in attendance at the Board Meeting and announced that a District Council Meeting will be held April 14 in Dexter at 5:30 p.m.

In other business conducted by the Board, George Barton reported that the Cole Family Foundation has approved our request for two benches to be in memory of Veterans at Veterans Memorial Park. These will be ready in May and we need to get the foundations for them in place prior to placement. Discussion was held regarding the spot for placing them and will be coordinated with the selectmen.

Discussion was held regarding a donation from the Murrel Harris Memorial Fund to the After School Program with the hope that this would become an ongoing annual contribution.

A request for a donation for awards by the Miosac and Cosmopolitan Clubs of Dover for a Student Art Competition in area schools was declined, as we were not sure if Penquis was participating in this.

Kiwanis Foundation of New England requested their annual donation and it was voted to donate \$ 50.

The auction is scheduled for June 19 and 20. Bob Ellison reported that he would be moving the food wagon to his house soon in order to make some repairs and renovations. He mentioned that it needed a roof vent, a new window, and possibly tires.

Meeting adjourned. Lois Trask, Sec.