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For all of us who have been anxiously awaiting a sign of good things to come on Main Street, we have wonderful proof of just that. We owe thanks to Joe Beres, who painstakingly made the sign, John and Barbara Crossman, who donated the land, Walter Lougee, who donated the flags and the poles, and our Town manager Jeff Gahagan who shoveled and supervised. I think I can speak for everyone when I say that the view entering Milo from Elm Street is looking much nicer.

*The monthly meeting of the Milo Garden Club will be held at the Milo Town Hall on Nov. 18 at 1 p.m.  
Program: "Making Snow Jars". Bring jelly jar and any decorations.  
Also, bring items for the local food cupboard.*



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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!

### Eastern Area Aging Local Meals for Me. Hall Happenings

Happy November, this is going to be a busy month for our seniors. We would like to invite all area seniors to join us at the dining halls (suggested donation for meals is \$3.00 for seniors, \$5.00 for all others who would like to join us.

Meals in Milo are held Mondays and Thursdays at the Milo Town Hall Dining Room. Meals are served at 11:45.

November 20 Thanksgiving dinner

Menu

Turkey, Gravy, Stuffing

Mashed Potato, Squash

Peas & Pearl Onions

Dinner Roll, Pumpkin Pie

Meals are held Friday at the Quarry Pines recreation room.

Meals are served at 11:45.

Both Halls would like you to come early (10:15) and play some Bingo. This is a fun social time for all and gives you a chance to get out of the house and enjoy some time with others. For a reservation to either hall please call 943-2488.

Remember: Brighten a senior's day- become a Meals for Me. volunteer

An Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will be held at Brownville Community Church on Wednesday, November 26th at 7:00pm. All offerings of non-perishable food and monies will go to the Ecumenical Food Cupboard.

### COMMUNITY POT LUCK DINNER TO HONOR BROWNVILLE FIREFIGHTERS

Wednesday, November 19, 2008, at the BJHS Alumni Hall on Railroad Avenue in Brownville beginning at 6:00PM. Please join us as we thank the dedicated members of the Brownville Fire Department who donate their time and talents to serve our citizens. Dinner is free for those who contribute food for the meal - Other wise: \$5.00 - adult and \$3.00 per child under 12 (Please contact the Town Office at 965-2561, 965-8639, or at [manager@brownville.org](mailto:manager@brownville.org) if you plan to bring food) Proceeds to benefit the Brownville Firefighter Auxiliary Fund

## AMERICAN JAMBOREE'S COUNTRY WESTERN JAMBOREE



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RIVERS KIWANIS  
AT THE MILO  
TOWN HALL  
SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 29, 2008

6:00--9:00 PM

### DONATIONS TO BENEFIT THE "SECRET SANTA" PROJECT

Doors open at 4:30 pm. Refreshments on sale. Door Prizes! And the Murrel Harris 1st Annual Memorial 50/50 Raffle Drawing (Over \$1,000 total sold already!)

### SECRET SANTA

The Three Rivers Kiwanis Club of Milo & Brownville will be serving as a clearinghouse for **Santa's Helpers** again this year. **Donations** may be made at: Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Park St., Milo ME 04463 or Camden National Bank, Main St., Milo ME 04463

If any organizations or individuals wish to adopt children, please contact Bonnie Hurley. Requests for *Children Only* (under 16) will come to us from the Milo & Brownville Town Offices, the Milo & Brownville Elementary Schools & Head Start.

Please remember that Christmas is a good time to get involved with caring for the needs of others, especially children.



## News From PAWS

By Valerie Robertson

We would first like to thank whoever put all the food in our bin at The Milo Farmer's Union! What a huge help the food will be in the coming weeks! We also need to thank all of you who have been so generous giving us cash donations in our cans at The Farmer's Union. And last but not least, all of you who leave food, supplies and other surprises on our porch. You all make our work so much easier!!

Now, on to the above photo. Shown is our group of Sunday volunteers. Each Sunday at noon, youngsters are encouraged to come and help me with the chores. We do some cleaning and a LOT of giggling and laughing. It is amazing how many times in 2 hours the word "poop" can be said.

The folks in the picture are, from left to right, Bob and Rose Arnold, who not only show up on Sundays, but almost every evening! They know more about the kitties than I do! Next is Jessica Clement, who comes from Brownville to help out as does Haley Durant, the next young lady pictured. And last but not least is Macy Carey, the same young lady who is such a wonderful photographer. As for the names of the kitties everyone is holding, you'll have to ask Bob and Rose; they are better at knowing the names than I am!

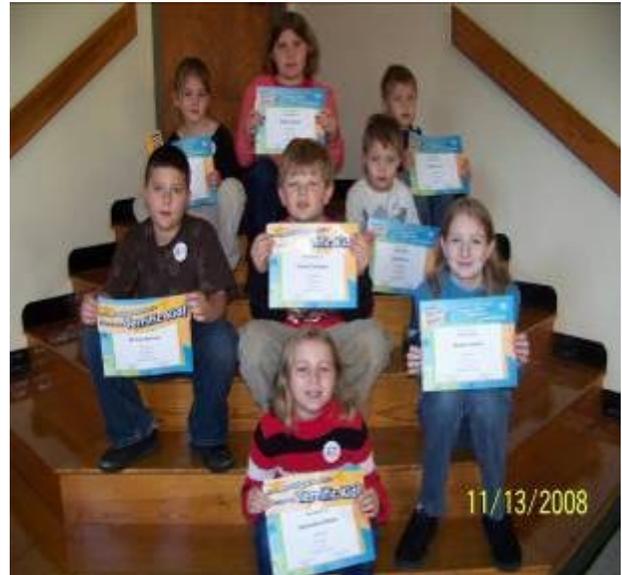
I am watching "60 Minutes" as I write this, and I have to say our new President is a wonderful speaker and sure fills me with hope and optimism. I think we should all celebrate and add a kitty or two to our households. If I had my way, the adage would be: Instead of a chicken in every pot, how about a kitty in every lap?!

There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the Brownville Community Church at 7:00 p. m. on Nov. 26th. Pastor Leshy Paynter will conduct the service.

### GRAMMIE'S WEATHER NOVEMBER 1974

- 18-Cloudy-42° at 12.
- 19-H. Frost Sunny windy-46° at 3 pm.
- 20-H. Frost Cloudy snow pm-snow plows out.
- 21-Snow windy hail awhile am Snow windy pm 6 to 8 inches.
- 22 & 23-Sunny windy-28° at 12.
- 24-Cloudy-34° at 12.

## Brownville Elementary Terrific Kids



K-Cayden and Corbin Cyr 1-Dakota Raymond 2-David Conlogue 3-Samantha Gibson 4-Michael Witham 5-Emily Gerrish 6-Shawna Smith

Elementary music teacher, Mr. Eastman starts early trying to find band members. Here Destiny is trying her hand



with the drum and she's only in first grade.



Milo's Terrific Kids

Mrs. Carey - We love to celebrate accomplishments in kindergarten and our Terrific Kid this week has made many accomplishments in the last few weeks. She zips her own jacket, lines up quietly, listens when others are speaking, shares her materials, raises her hand to speak and ... best of all, is kind and caring to her classmates. We are very thankful to have Olivia Goodine in our kindergarten family.

Mrs. Walker - We are pleased and thankful to honor a boy this week from our Terrific Kindergarten Family. He is becoming a good model and a kind and caring friend and helper to all his classmates. He is modeling Talk It Out skills when a problem arises and learning to settle differences peacefully and calmly. We are pleased to see him reading books from his browsing box to others in our room. Congratulations TK Donevin Fillmore!!!!

Mrs. Hayes - We have a sweet American Girl doll in our classroom. She has a beautiful American smile. She does beautiful American schoolwork and she is a wonderful American friend. She has a special American name that honors our country. Please recognize our American girl, America Noonan.

Mrs. Barden - Our terrific kid is the hardest worker in our room. She loves to visit with me after school and is learning a lot about reading from Mrs. Royal. Her positive attitude is super. I'll bet she has guessed!!! Our terrific kid this week is Macee Grant!

Mrs. Tardiff & Mrs. Hussey - This girl is a real worker. She is improving her reading skills and working on her penmanship. She always comes to school with a smile and great attitude. She loves her animals, especially her horses. Congratulations to Brittney Robinson.

What a ray of sunshine this girl is!! She is friendly and cooperative and follows our classroom's "I Care" rules. She is an active listener and good friend to her classmates. Congratulations to Kaitlyn Stone!

Mrs. Bessey - Our terrific kid this week is a young lady who always has a positive outlook on the day. She skips through the halls and room and playground and anywhere else with a happy carefree attitude. She always does her homework and is responsible for her space. She tries her best to help others and takes care with her friendships. Congratulations to Catherine Maxcy

Mrs. Mills - As turkey day approaches, I have one young lady with plenty to gobble about. She loves to read and share information with the class. She works hard at all her work and is a good friend to all. She is a pleasure to have in class. Way to go to you, Morgana Vick.

Ms. Patton - Miss Patton's Terrific Kid this week is Caitlyn Gerrish. Caitlyn is a very sweet and caring girl. She works hard to get her work done on time and always tries to have a positive attitude. Caitlyn is a very creative girl who is also a member of the Drama Club. I look forward to seeing her "in action" today.

Mrs. Knowlton - We have been learning about the start of the Revolutionary War in 5K and our new student, Austin Dow, is a real expert! We are happy to welcome Austin to our classroom and he seems to be fitting right in! He has made new friends in the class and on the playground and he is learning our rules quickly! Congratulations to our terrific kid, Austin Dow!

Mrs. Clukey - My terrific kid this week is an awesome reader. He always has his nose in a good book. He has a great imagination, which helps him with new ideas in writing. This student was new to our school this year but hasn't had any

difficulties making new friends. So for all these things I would like to name Joshua Gray has this week's terrific kid.

Ms. Dixon-Wallace - DW 6's terrific Kid this week is a boy who has been working very hard to get his homework done and turned in everyday. He always has a story or other piece of interesting information to share. He is a big fan of Roald Dahl books and can be found buried in their pages at any time of the day. I am very proud to honor Paul Badger as this week's TK in DW 6.

## Key Club with Camille

Hey there! Its the Penquis Valley Key Club again just



updating you on what we've been up to. The Key Club meets every Thursday in room 13 of the Penquis Valley High School, at 11:45. The officers of the Key Club include, Josh Clement - President, Katy Korona - Vice President, Camille Cramer - Secretary, Hanna Backus - Treasurer, Paige McGuiness - Historian, Kelsey Ottmann -Bulletin Board Editor, Katie Joyner-Robertson and Val Robertson as advisors.

In a previous article I talked about the Veterans Dinner that the Key Club was to participate in and I have to say that the dinner went extremely well. Everyone showed up when they were supposed to, everyone acted in a respectful, courteous manner (which, with teenagers is quite unpredictable), and everyone showed such a spirited joy in honoring veterans and their families. Also at the dinner were the Milo Elementary School Singers, led by Stephanie Gillis, who performed a number of song and dance pieces in the patriotic theme. Roughly it was a group of about 15 elementary students, with a few high schoolers mixed in, who spent months in advance practicing two times a week after school, for about 2 hours, to perfect their performance for this event. This group of talented kids was led and directed by Stephanie Gillis, the 4th grade teacher at Milo Elementary. Mrs. Gillis has had her kids in the dinner, and many other events for years and years, and always seems to do an extraordinary job.

Key Club emphasizes greatly to our members the importance of leadership, and we feel that Stephanie Gillis is a great role model for all in the leadership area. So Mrs. Gillis, thank you for what you do in this community because we certainly notice and appreciate it greatly!

Key Club this year has newly developed a great community service project that many members feel strongly about. And that is the winterizing process for people's homes in the community. We looked into it and have received numerous house kits and a list of people in need. To winterize a house is

simply to mask windows, doors and such from the harsh winter weather that is clear to be coming. We have 4 members, Kim Herbest, Matt Carrillo, Josh Clement and Brittany Newbert, who plan to visit a home or two Tuesday after school to begin the process. Key Club is glad to have members who see the need in a rural community when the weather is bound to drop drastically.

Penquis Valley Key Club is proud to support, serve, recognize leaders and update our community every chance we get. After all, our motto is...**Caring - our way of Life.**



**The students at the Cook School in Lagrange recently picked out their first RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) books, which were purchased by the Kiwanis. They all enjoyed getting a chance to pick a book of their choice. Kiwanian Lois Trask came in the afternoon on RIF day to be a guest reader. We thank her and the Kiwanis for giving students the gift of reading.**

To The Editor:  
Hi Val,

I wanted to send you a short note to say how wonderful it was to see the Veterans Dinner article in the TRC News. After spending the last 23 years in the US Navy it warms my heart to know that the town of Milo has not forgotten those who have served this great nation and those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Please continue to keep the great work up that you and all the volunteers do.

Scot Perkins SKCS (AW/SW), USN

### **A Big Thank You From Caroline Sinclair**

**I just want to thank everyone who has been so supportive while I have been waiting for a place to live following the fire which destroyed my home on August 25th. There are no words to adequately express my feelings of thanksgiving. It is hard to imagine going through something like this without family and friends. Thanks so much**

### **What's Up Doc**

By: Dr. Kevin Chasse

Q: What conditions do chiropractors treat?

A: Chiropractors primarily treat spine-related conditions, including neck pain, sciatica, and headaches. Chiropractors are also trained on treating other musculoskeletal conditions including shoulder, elbow, pain in the upper extremity and hip, knee, ankle pain in the lower extremity. These conditions are grouped as musculoskeletal syndromes and respond well to manual chiropractic treatments, including spine and joint manipulation or adjustment, often combined with key therapies, electric muscle stimulation therapy, and instruction on home

care for self-massage and stretching. Chiropractic treatment is quite successful in treating daily or frequent headache symptoms which often generate from the cervical spine region. Proper treatment to the neck area can release tension, which is a prime source of frequent headaches. It is recommended that if you suffer from a recent strain to try conservative management first, including home care with anti-inflammatories and iced therapies followed by key therapies. If pain is continuing to persist, scheduling an appointment with a chiropractor is recommended.

Have a great day! Dr. K [drchasse@verizon.net](mailto:drchasse@verizon.net)

### **MILO UNVEILS INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE**

The town of Milo announced today that there will be a ceremony on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm at the Milo Town Office to unveil three new interpretive signs that will be part of the Villages of Piscataquis County Audio Driving Tour. The public is invited to attend this exciting milestone in Milo's tourism development efforts.

The Villages of Piscataquis County is an audio driving tour highlighting the history and culture that make this area of the state truly unique in Maine and the world. The tour route winds through 15 villages and covers approximately 134 miles. Distinctive logos direct the traveler to 25-30 sites with interpretive signage. Signs are already in place at Low's Bridge on Rt. 15 in Guilford, 1 in Sebec Village, 3 in Brownville, 1 in Shirley and 2 in Abbot.

Milo, the latest village to join the tour, has 2 signs presently installed and a 3<sup>rd</sup> in production. Milo town manager, Jeff Gahagan says, "The Town of Milo is honored and proud to be a part of The Villages of Piscataquis County audio driving tour. It is imperative that we preserve and emphasize our culture and history for future generations." The Milo signs were made possible through the support of The Piscataquis Chamber of Commerce and the Piscataquis Economic Development Council.

The interpretive signage across the county will be linked together with a series of audio CD's, which will contain stories, voices, and original music from Piscataquis County as well as directions to chosen sites. A proposed website will also be an integral part of the final product. Visitors will be able to visit the website, create a custom CD or download the audio tour to a portable device. Snippets of tour sites, stories, and music will enhance the website and entice the visitor to learn more. Printed maps and tour guides will complete the package. The CD's, maps and tour guides will be made available through local businesses and tourism venues as well as on the web.

The Villages Tour, which began as a project of the Penquis Leadership Institute Class of 2006, has partnered with the Piscataquis Tourism Task Force and Piscataquis County Economic Development Council. Anyone wishing more information about the Milo ceremony or the Villages of Piscataquis County should contact Gayle Worden at 207-876-3288.

### **Milo Free Public Library News**

Judith D. Macdougall

I'm sorry that there was no column last week, but I lost several days at the library due to ill health, and our home computer was not capable of sending the column to the paper.

Well, November has arrived with bare trees, gray drizzly clouds, but surprisingly warm weather.

Pam, my assistant, and I have had company this past month. Her daughter, Becky, was here for a month's visit getting to see her mother and siblings in Maine, as she won't be able to be here for Thanksgiving and Christmas. My son, Arthur, visited us for several days to do some insulating for us and also visited relatives and a sibling. With Pam and I taking turns to be out of the library, the substitutes were very busy. When I counted up the days, Pam and I had only worked eight days together during the month of October. We are lucky to have substitutes that are eager to come into the library and enjoy doing library work. All four take part in doing book processing and two (maybe more) are anxious to learn how to do bar code processing. It is very relaxing to know that when I call a substitute, she will usually say "yes" unless there is a definite reason why she cannot work. In fact, one of our subs, Dearle Flint, enjoys the library so much, she comes in to dust

even when she isn't working. She enjoys the patrons, the camaraderie and also knowing that she is helping to clean and organize the library, as our small staff can't always get to the latter jobs due to time constraints. We appreciate having such a great substitute base.

In the fall of 2002 Nancy Cotter Pickle and her husband, Lin, came to the library. Her grandmother, Florence M. Cotter, had been the first librarian for the Milo Free Public Library in 1924. Nancy came because her father, H. Eugene Cotter, wanted to hear and see how the library was doing. Lin took video of the changes to show Nancy's father. When Eugene passed away the next year, Nancy and her sisters named the Milo Free Public Library as a recipient for memorial gifts in his name. We received many financial gifts, and with them purchased our photocopier, books, office chairs and a heavenly stuffed chair in which our patrons enjoy relaxing. As Nancy and Lin have dropped into the library through the years, they have brought us other gifts. One year Nancy brought a funny decorated pumpkin for the front steps of the library. I must admit I had misgivings that it would stay there, but it did stay well into November, when the janitor finally had to remove it. One fall several years ago, Nancy sent the library a Dr. Seuss Cat-In-The-Hat hat from the nearby town of Springfield, MA, which had been home to Dr. Seuss. The hat has been worn by many happy children through the years for fun and laughs. It has also been worn by an adult several times as he supervised children getting into their rides after children's programs. These last few weeks it has had another purpose. It has been worn for learning. A BSI worker has been bringing her young reader into practice his reading. He loves the Hat and feels it helps him to do better on his reading. He looks so cute with his hat on as he reads and sounds out words with his tutor. I e-mailed this story to Nancy as a way of thanking her again for her many kindnesses to our library, and she was pleased to know the Hat continues to be enjoyed as she hoped it would be when she gave it to the library. When the Hat is not being worn, it decorates the shelf next to our Dr. Seuss books.

We received two rather unique juvenile books from the Junior Library Guild this month. The Porcupine Year written and illustrated by Louise Erdrich is an engaging account of a year in an Ojibwe family's life. Ms. Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and was inspired to write her juvenile series when she and her mother were researching their own family history.

*Stolen* by Vivian Vande Velde is about a girl who may have been stolen by a witch. The author used a closed third-person narrative, combined with the child's amnesia. The reader experiences the story only through Isabelle's eyes, knowing only as much about her and her situation as she does. These two books should be of interest to young readers from grades 2-7.

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

**Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo-Brownville**  
**November 12, 2008**

**Lt. Governor/Business Meeting**

There were 15 members in attendance at the morning meeting at Sandee's Restaurant. We also had an inter-club from Dexter and Dover-Foxcroft join us for the Lt. Governor's visit today. Josh, Camille, and Stephanie from Key Club and

Jessica from the Builders Club were present. Eben led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, Edwin offered the Prayer, and Frank provided a Thought for the Day. Ethelyn Treworgy's birthday is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

There was a total of \$23.00 Happy/Sad Dollars-many happy dollars for a very successful Veteran's Day Dinner, approximately 180 served; appreciation of Key Club volunteers; up-coming Jamboree; awesome performance of the students and Dakota's song tribute to the veterans; Val's excellent food; excellent Veteran's programs at the elementary schools; and, Hoyt's twin granddaughters. Sadness was expressed for the recent loss of individuals from Dover.

Laurel shared that the Secret Santa 50/50 raffle has approximately \$1300.00 in ticket sales at this time. She has also opened an account to be used for this annual fund raising event. Nancy Treadwell also sent 21 pairs of mittens for the Secret Santa gifts.

Interclub-Thursday an interclub will attend the Guilford meeting and next Tuesday there will be an interclub to Greenville. Bonnie reported that 20 children's names have been identified so far for the Secret Santa program, but we expect many more as the forms are collected. A press release will be out this week and area groups will be adopting children and families to help with Christmas gifts. November 19<sup>th</sup> program will be a speaker from Hospice.

Ethelyn reports that the Jamboree plan is progressing. Hotdogs and chili will be served, along with desserts. Cathy will be soliciting bars from members. Secret Santa 50/50 tickets will be sold at the event. A donations jar will be at the door with a ticket per dollar donation to be drawn for door prizes. All proceeds will be donated to the Secret Santa fund.

RIF book distributions will take place at the Milo and LaGrange Elementary schools this week. Preschool distributions will take place later this month. Volunteer readers are needed at each distribution.

The board approved on November 6<sup>th</sup> a donation to Kiwanis International for \$50.00 and a \$50.00 donation to the Lt. Governor's fund to off set costs. Today our speaker is our Lt. Governor, Gary Nelson.

Lt. Governor Gary Nelson shared his pleasure at seeing so many Key Club members participating, as they are the future of the Kiwanians. This is also the official visit of the Lt. Governor to our club. The focus of Kiwanis this year is growth, with a goal of at least one to two members per club. The Fall Conference in Rockport on November 22<sup>nd</sup> will focus on growth and encouraging the support of new club development. More participation of the general membership in Kiwanis would also be beneficial for existing clubs.

The Kiwanis Foundation of New England maintains KPTI and the Gerrish Registry and they would like to expand nationwide with a Strive for Five to increase available funds. A number of fund raising activities already are in place to support the foundation, such as Shaw's receipts for percent donations, 10-K walks for kids, and a 2009 Gerrish End All Golf Tournament is planned for the spring.

The Lt. Governor took the opportunity to answer questions from club members on starting new K clubs and other potential food chain receipt donations. We would like to thank our Lt. Governor, Gary Nelson, for speaking at our meeting today.

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully Submitted,  
Heidi Finson, Secretary