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LIVE SIMPLY-LOVE GENEROUSLY CARE DEEPLY-SPEAK KINDLY
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Three Rivers Kiwanis of Milo and Brownville would like to thank Laurel Harris

for the amazing work she has done for area children. Working to honor the memory of her late husband Murrel, Laurel's labor of love netted The Secret Santa Fund over \$1350! The winner of the other half of the 50/50 raffle was Jason Atkinson of Milo. He and his young family will have a grand holiday.

Kiwanis would also like to thank Ronnie Knowles and his amazing group of performers and Blaine Chadwick for his great control of the sound system. The Jamboree helped raise another \$950 for the Secret Santa fund! The true spirit of the Christmas season was evident at the Milo Town Hall on Saturday night. The area may be in a bit of a financial downswing, but we are rich in community spirit and love. Over 160 area children will have a nice Christmas thanks to all of the participants.

It is not too late to "adopt" a child and make their Christmas special. Call Bonnie Hurley at 943-5645 and she will give you the gender, age and specific needs of a child.

You take a few hours to shop for the gifts, and then Kiwanis makes sure the child gets them. Donations may also be made at Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, Park St., Milo ME 04463 or Camden National Bank, Main St., Milo ME 04463.

11th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Freda and Everett Cook would like you all to know even though they won't be in town, friends are planning their annual Christmas Dinner at the Milo Town Hall, on Christmas Day at noon. The festive meal is free to anyone who would like to attend, so make your plans now.

The turkey dinner with all the fixings will be served by members of the community.

Freda and Everett would like to send a great big "thank you!" to the area merchants who have donated items for the scrumptious meal.



If you were worried you wouldn't be able to enjoy Sandra Haley's world famous wreathes and greeneries, fret no more! Sandra has a space at The Milo Farmer's Union and is selling her wonderful decorations!!

Stop in and stock up on goodies!!

A BIG THANK-YOU TO THE MILO GARDEN CLUB FOR THE WREATHS THAT LINE MAIN STREET AND GIVE IT A MUCH-NEEDED, CHEERFUL LOOK!

The Milo Garden Club Dec. 9 meeting will be a Christmas Potluck Dinner at 12:00 noon at the Milo Town Hall. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert, a wrapped gift for exchange and items for Ronald McDonald House.

A Bit of Veteran's History

By Richard L. Graves Sr.

**Joseph Villani of Milo,
Maine**

Joe is one of the oldest surviving members of the American Legion Joseph P. Chaisson Post 41 having been a member for sixty three years. As a veteran of World War II, Joe began his military service in March of 1944 with the United States Navy, attending basic training at Sampson Naval Training Center, Sampson, New York.



Upon graduation he was assigned to the Seabee's, a branch of the Navy that provides combat support engineering. His personal duty assignment was as a Commissary Steward. From Sampson, New York, he traveled a troop train to California and was placed aboard ship for Marshall Islands in the Pacific. Joe's Seabee unit provided follow up combat support such as temporary housing and supply storage in preparation for the invasion of Japan.

Joe went from the Marshall Islands to the uninhabited Caroline Island and eventually ended up on the Island of Okinawa at a place called Naha. They had housing similar in design to an igloo except it was made of concrete blocks and covered with earth. The structure protected them from air attacks and monsoon storms. Okinawa was to be a major jumping off point in the plan to invade the Islands of Japan. On the evening of August 15, 1945, Joe was watching an outdoor movie when suddenly search lights and anti-aircraft fire lit up the sky. He thought they were coming under attack, but the word soon came down that the Japanese had surrendered and the partying went on through out the night.

Joseph Villani was released from the Navy March 15, 1946 and returned to raise a family in Milo. In 2008 Joe was honored as Parade Marshall for the Memorial Day Parade and at age 87 he is still active weekly with the American Legion Programs.

GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER

December 1983

- 2-M. sunny am M. Cloudy pm-35° at 12.
- 3-P. sunny-36° at 11 am.
- 4-Cloudy-20° at 2 pm.
- 5-Snow-30° at 12.
- 6-L. snow rain in evening-34° at 12.
- 7-Cloudy windy-34° at 12.
- 8-Sunny & cold-16° at 6:40 am.

Brownville Jct. Thrift Shop will be open starting Dec. 3 on Wednesdays from 9a.m. until 4 p.m.

PENQUIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT

Come listen to our local band/chorus students perform some holiday music. A 50/50 raffle will also be held--sponsored by the Penquis Valley Music Boosters Club.

The time and date of this event: Thurs. Dec. 4th at 7:00 p.m. at the P.V. High School

TRC Community Calendar

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

Monday, December 1

- 9:00a Monday Morning Quilters
- 11:45a Meals for ME
- 6:30p Medford Selectmen
- 7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
- 7:00p Sebec Selectmen

Tuesday, December 2

- 9:00a Womancare Outreach
- 10:00a D-F : Penquis Health Services
- 11:30a Mt. Katahdin Senior Citizens
- 6:00p Line Dancing
- 6:00p Piscataquis Writers
- 6:30p SAD #68 Board of Directors
- 6:30p Post #92 Bingo
- 6:30p Medford Planning Board
- 6:30p Milo Selectmens Meeting
- 7:00p Sebec Village Associates

Wednesday, December 3

- 6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis
- 9:00a Milo : Career Center
- 10:00a Church Thrift Shop
- 6:00p Post #41 Dinner
- 6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters
- 6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115
- 7:00p Overeaters Anonymous
- 7:00p MSAD #41 Board of Directors
- 7:00p Post #41 Auxiliary
- 7:00p Post #41 Meeting

Thursday, December 4

- 8:00a Women's Ecumenical Breakfast
- 11:45a Meals for ME
- 4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class
- 6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112
- 6:30p BJHS Card Party

Friday, December 5

- 9:00a Milo : Career Center
- 11:45a Meals for ME
- 12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens
- 6:15p Post #41 Bingo

Saturday, December 6

- 2:00p Milo : American Legion Auctions

Sunday, December 7

- 2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do
- 2:30p Post #92 Auxiliary
- 3:30p Square Dancing
- 6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
- 6:00p Scrapbooking
- 7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

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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.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith D. Macdougall

The weather has turned quite crispy, and did I see white stuff on Tuesday? I wasn't too surprised to see spitting snow on Monday. After all, it is certainly cold enough. When I saw snow on Tuesday, of course, I thought it was spitting again. I was kind of shocked as the white flakes kept coming down and even began to show on the grass and the driveway. Hmm, I thought, I have seen snow earlier than this some winters, but I'm never ready for it. It always catches me unawares. Anyway, happily we don't have any on the ground yet!

On Tuesday, November 17, the Three Rivers Readers Book Club met at the library with 12 members attending. Jane Fairchild led us in a discussion of the book *Time Must Have a Stop* by Aldous Huxley. Jane started the discussion by giving us a brief synopsis of the author's life. One notable item was that many of his family members were writers. He also had a problem with sight. At one time he was blind for 18 months. Eventually he was able to have special glasses and he learned Braille to help him compensate. His sight also became better in one eye. He finally moved to California hoping the sun would be better for his eyesight. In 1961 his house and papers burned and everything was lost. Unfortunately he died in 1963 on the same day as John Fitzgerald Kennedy so his passing was not noted as it might have been if he had died on another day.

His best known work is *Brave New World*, taught in many English classrooms, but *Time Must Have A Stop* was an interesting book. It was a combination of the three themes Huxley uses—a satire of English society, a novel of ideas and the depiction of death. The story took place in 1929 and the hero was Sebastian Barnack, a 17-year-old boy, who desperately wanted formal evening clothes in order to be able to attend formal parties. His father, who could have afforded them, did not feel that Sebastian needed them. Sebastian's Uncle Eustace promised him evening clothes made by Eustace's own tailor, but then Uncle Eustace inconveniently died. Eustace's death took several pages and his thoughts and feelings were quite interesting. After Eustace's death, he continued to make appearances in the novel. One really humorous scene involved a medium at a séance. The medium had been requested by the family to contact Uncle Eustace. Uncle Eustace responded, but the medium either did not hear well or interpreted his words in her own way and the difference between the words Eustace was trying to send and what the medium related to the family was hilarious. Although the need for evening clothes provided a good deal of the theme of the story, there were many interesting characters and philosophies woven into it too.

The preface set in the front of the latest copies of this title helped a great deal to explain the key points and what the different themes meant. Most of the readers felt the book was not easy to understand with the in-depth philosophies and social issues of the times. The epilogue, which related the lives of the characters up to 1944, rounded off the story and had interesting additions.

Next month the group will be reading *How Far To Bethlehem* by Norah Lofts. The Three Rivers Readers will be

meeting on December 16. Anyone who wishes to join us may call Gwen Bradeen at 943-2369.

Two new books from the Junior Library Guild sound exciting. *Hard Gold* by Avi tells a tale of the Colorado Gold Rush of 1859. Historical events and information are seamlessly worked into the narrative of this coming-of-age story, giving readers a strong sense of the time period. To make the story even more interesting, actual photographs of the times and illustrations have been included. This historical fiction story is also suspenseful. This is an exciting story for grades 5-7.

The other book is *The Sign of the Sinister Sorcerer* by Brad Strickland. Lewis Barnavelt is ready for a long summer vacation, but trouble seems to follow him in the shape of a hooded figure and the mysterious Curse of Three. Sinister secrets and spooky sorcerers lurk around every corner.

Library Winter Hours

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

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

A Thank You From Laurel:

I would like to give a heart-felt thank-you to everyone who helped make the tribute raffle to Murrel so successful! I could feel his love for the community and for the children in it. Everyone who bought a ticket did a great service to the children who will benefit with warm clothes or a fun toy. My family and I miss Murrel so very much, but we all felt closer to him knowing how much he would have loved making a child smile on Christmas morning!! So to all of you who sold, bought or helped in anyway to help raise over \$1300 for the Secret Santa Fund, I hope you have the best Christmas ever!!

Laurel

GORDON W. RUSSELL MEDFORD - Gordon W. Russell, 96, husband of the late Rebecca A. (Ricker) Russell, died Nov. 21, 2008, at his residence. He was born June 7, 1912, in Oakfield, the son of Millard and Izetta (Hughes) Russell. Mr. Russell had worked for General Motors for many years. He was a member of Brownville Community Church, where he had served as deacon and member of the Social Club, and was a member of Brownville Snowmobile Club. He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 72 years, Rebecca. He is survived by two sons, Philip and his wife, Louise, of Hampton, Conn., and Greg and his wife, Linda, of Medford; three daughters, Janice Jones and her husband, George, of Wilton, Carolyn Zima of Burlington, Conn., and Sharon Pollard and her husband, David, of Chester, Vt.; three sisters, Goldie Harnish of South Carolina, Florice Fournier of Orlando, Fla., and Cora Orff of San Antonio; 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at www.laryfuneralhome.com.

ANN G. EAGON BROWNVILLE JUNCTION Ann G. Eagon, 94, died Nov. 28, 2008, at the home of her daughter in Brownville Junction. She was born July 31, 1914, in Homerville, Ohio, daughter of Leon and Susanna (Scott) Gorham. She was predeceased by her husband of 68 years, Cecil Dale Eagon. She is survived by a son, James Eagon and his wife, Judy, of Ohio; four daughters, Kathy Eagon and her life partner, Diane Fields, of New Mexico, Joyce Bush and her husband, Ronald, of North Carolina, Janet Drake and her husband, Roy, of Brownville Junction and Mary Devol of Ohio; a sister, Joyce Bruce of Ohio; a

brother, Richard Gorham of South Carolina; four grandchildren, James Eagon Jr., Traci Guvenc, Michael Drake and Brian Eagon; great-grandchildren, Tyler Drake, Ceyda Guvenc, Eva Anderson and Shayne Drake; nieces and nephews. There will be no public services at

this time. Arrangements by Crosby & Neal, Guilford. For an online guest book, go to www.CrosbyNeal.com.

Local teachers Judy Thompson, Debbie Page, and Lynn Weston are again making Penquis Pins for basketball season. The pins are the same idea as last year and will be offered for PVHS and PVMS basketball players and cheerleaders. This year pins will not be pre-made, so in order to get one of your favorite athlete, you must order first. We'd appreciate it if you could figure out how many you need and give us your complete order. Pins are 2/\$5.00. Proceeds will benefit school field trips and projects.

PENQUIS PINS



CONTACT LYNN WESTON TO ORDER
proceeds benefit
school field trips.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Call 965-8046

Card of Thanks

Josie Morrison and her girls and their families would like to express their thanks to the staff at Mayo Regional during her recent stay, and the Mayo Ambulance during the transport to EMMC. We would also like to thank all the friends and family for their support, flowers, cards and gifts and phone calls during her stay at EMMC. We can't express enough thanks to EMMC physical therapy, speech and occupational therapy you are truly a wonderful group of professionals. All the nurses on the Haskell Unit have been absolutely great to all of us not just Mom. Thank you for putting up with all of us being in your way all the time. Mom is improving everyday, she is expected to be released on Dec. 12, she has been home for a couple day visits and did very well. She can't wait to get home for good. Again, thank you everyone for all you have done for all of us.

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Merry Christmas 2008!!!! Poinsettias Poinsettias Poinsettias

Attention Parents, Grandparents, and Friends,

The playground committee is selling poinsettia plants in two sizes. We are now collecting orders and money. Please send orders and money back to school ASAP! We will begin distributing these plants on December 12. You may pick them up from school at that time.

We want to take this time to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy holiday! Thank you all for your support.

*Sincerely,
Joy McKenzie*

Playground Committee



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Small (4.5 inch diameter pot) _____ @ \$6.00 each _____ total

Large (6.5 inch diameter pot) _____ @ \$11.00 each _____ total

Grand Total = _____

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

Contact number: _____

For further information, my cell no. is 943-3416 and/or my e-mail address is mckenzie9801@roadrunner.com.



**This Christmas season,
don't forget the animals
at PAWS!!**



The Milo Farmer's Union on Park Street graciously allows us to have a receptacle in their entry-way. Needed items are listed there, and can be purchased there. Items we use are also available at Three Rivers Feed, such as bales of wood chips, and can be left on the porch of the shelter. You may also donate your returnables to PAWS. And as always, your generous donations of money in the cans at the registers at the Milo Farmer's Union make PAWS possible! Thanks to you, We have helped more than 15 dogs and 200 cats this year!!

