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13th 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 ham 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. Your hosts: Terry and David Knowles and Nancy and Walter Cook.

Eastern Area Agency on Aging's Local Meals for ME Dining Hall Happenings

Happy Holidays. This is going to be a busy month for our seniors. We are inviting all area seniors to join us at the dining halls and enjoy a delicious lunch. Suggested donation for a meal is \$3.00 for registered seniors and \$5.00 for all others - non-seniors included. Meals for ME meals are held at the Milo Town Hall dining room Mondays and Thursdays, at 11:45. Come early for Bingo and other activities.

☆ Brownville Meals are held at the Quarry Pines Recreation Hall Fridays at 11:45. Come early for activities.

Activities in Milo

☆ Thursday, December 18, Holiday Meal decorations and sing along.

Activities in Brownville

☆ Thursday, December 18, Holiday meal, decorations and sing along. No meals in Brownville December 19, and 26.

HOLIDAY MEAL

Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce-Mashed Sweet Potato
Broccoli Casserole-Dinner Roll-Apple Pie

Brighten a senior's day - become a Meals For ME volunteer.
Call 943-2488 to make your reservation.

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!!

On December 18th @ 6:00pm at the PVHS Library, the group from The University of Maine will be hosting our second work session and would like to invite you and anyone that you would like to invite to be an active participant in the process.

This is a chance to help prepare and preserve the history of Milo!!

THE MILO TOWN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH FROM 11 AM- 1PM FOR A CHRISTMAS LUNCH. IT WILL ALSO BE CLOSING AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, DEC 24 . THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH.

Remembering Downtown

Heritage - History - Legacy

By Catherine K. Ellison

As a lifelong resident of our Town of Milo, I remember "Downtown" with a feeling of comfort and happiness plus a sense of security and belonging. Some of the finest people I have ever known were a part of the businesses downtown. Most are gone now, but I still see them in my memories.

Stories about downtown are woven into my family legends written to be shared with my descendents. My personal recollections of long ago: an extension of Main Street to include some of West Main, plus branching out into Park, Pleasant and Elm Street. Within walking distance, of course. Memories of downtown (many decades ago) might include: a hospital, mill, railroad station, freight, coal & oil, two hotels, water company, electric company, gas stations, garages, town hall, library, lodges, banks, restaurants, theater, post office, Legion Hall, Masonic Hall and churches. There were stores for hardware, grocery, drugs, print shop, clothing, shoes, bakery, barber shops, sports shop and variety (let's not forget Mr. Purdy's candy store). There were offices for doctors, dentists



Happy Holidays from Mo, Kirby and Dingo!
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 lawyers. I remember quality products and services - supply and demand.

Memories of downtown's Milo Theater included: quality films from the classics (books). Some films were adapted from Broadway musicals. My friends and I were influenced as to the games we played, songs we sang, music we listened to, recordings we bought and the books we read. Some of the recordings I bought at Ida McKenney's Variety Store were: Blue Hawaii, Moonlight and Shadows, Rainbow on the River, Sun Showers.

The Milo Theater was known as the Chic Theater when it was built 1913. I began to look for music of that era. Most recordings of music do not have the date of issue on their labels. While looking over some of my oldest records, I found one that did. This recording was dated Jan. 21, 1913. The title: Painting the Clouds With Sunshine.

The BDN article of Nov. 22-23, 2008 entitled "Beginning of the Line - Milo rail yard finds new life in evolving industry" was well worth reading. Is someone painting the clouds with sunshine, I wondered?

Thinking back on early fall, 2008, and beyond:

1. The first store on the corner of Main and Water Street that began as Owen's Drug Store became a new restaurant. There was joy and happiness in planning for the new Pub. The sound of laughter heard by the staff was another sign of happiness. May plans for a future Pub become a reality — happiness, too.

2. The Milo Flower Shop, appreciated while it was here, forever will be missed.

3. From the tiniest object to outdoor lawn equipment, I think of Milo True Value as being irreplaceable. It was priceless (meaning: too valuable to evaluate). Dec- 2008

Editor's Note: As always, we love to hear from Kitty. And thanks for the kind words. Valerie



Basketball Corner

By Karen Horne Clark

And now it's time to show you Penquis Girls Varsity basketball: Coach Wally Russell starts 3 seniors: Erica Lyford, Kelsey Ottman and Morgan Royal. Sophomores Carolyn Bess, Sadie Zambrano, Shelby Fowles and Shelby Weston see plenty of playing time along with Kristy Chapman, Miranda Conklin, Brooke McLaughlin, Kambrea Atkinson, Emily Armour, Caitlyn Durant, Shelby Patten, and Stephanie Vachon round out the team.

I guess I wasn't expecting this first home game to be as exciting as it was. Orono is tall and fast: Well, Penquis can play

fast, too. Penquis was behind during the opening minutes, but once they went ahead they kept the pressure on. Orono caught up, but never led by more than a point or two. Penquis came out on top, 42 to 40.

The lady Patriots have two more home games in December: Dexter on the 18th and Fort Kent Saturday afternoon on the 27th at which time you will also get to see the Boys Varsity, too. 1:00pm and 2:30 are the starting times. Good Luck, Wally and your scrappy girls team.

TRC Community Calendar

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

Tuesday, December 16

9:00a Womancare Outreach
10:00a D-F : Penquis Health Services
11:30a Mt. Katahdin Senior Citizens
6:30p Support Our American Recruits
6:30p Post #92 Bingo
6:30p Milo Selectmens Meeting
7:00p United Methodist Women
7:00p Sebec Village Associates

Wednesday, December 17

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis
9:00a D-F : VA Service Officer
9:00a Milo : Career Center
10:00a Church Thrift Shop
10:00a Sebec Quilters
6:00p Sons of Post #41
6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters
6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115
7:00p Overeaters Anonymous

Thursday, December 18

11:45a Meals for ME
4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class
6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112
6:00p Brownville Snowmobile Club
6:30p BJHS Card Party
7:00p Milo Historical Society Meeting

Friday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 20

No Events Today.

Sunday, December 21

2:00p Brownville Historical Society Meeting
2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do
6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
6:00p Scrapbooking
7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

Monday, December 22

9:00a Monday Morning Quilters
11:45a Meals for ME
7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous
7:00p Sebec Selectmen
7:30p Pleasant River Lodge #163

Milo Curbside Pick Up for Thursday, December 25th, will be Wednesday, Dec. 24th. Thursday, January 1st pick up will be on Wednesday, December 31st.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY/DANCE

Spend Less- Party Local!!

Milo Town Hall Auditorium
9pm to 1 am
FREE party favors, FREE
finger foods,
50/50 raffle.



Music by Neptune Entertainment. Great light and effects show. Tickets available NOW at Just Teasin' hair salon — 13 Prospect St. — Milo \$15 per person

BYOB All people attending this event must be 21 or older.

This event is sponsored by Neptune Entertainment.

Milo Free Public Library News

Judith D. Macdougall

Another gray, dull day. This morning brought rain on ice (our driveway continued to be icy all week) and even our dirt road was an icy mess. Monday morning was a real downer for many of us in Milo as we woke to the electricity off and the temperature a very cool 2 degrees. No lights, no heat, no water. Ugh! Warmer temperatures all the way up to 50 degrees later in the week made quite a contrast. I wonder when we'll next see 50 degrees?

The Garden Club has donated a lovely wreath made by Sandra Haley, which our janitor, Dean Henderson, put up over the library front door. Dean also added a string of lights to make it even more festive. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

During these quieter days, I have been discarding books, both adult and juvenile. Many people are horrified that we have to discard, and even more horrified that we sometimes have to throw books away. Space is a problem in all libraries. We only have so much. If we want to have new books available, we have to remove older, unpopular books from the shelves. I really hate to have to discard books I enjoyed by authors I especially liked many years ago, and often I buy them at the book sales to reread, but my house does not have a lot of room, either, so I can't take too many. The older books of past authors are just that. They are out of date for today's readers. Pam and I have noted that to be read continuously by the general public an author still has to be writing fairly regularly. Writing a book a year is a good goal to strive for. Well-liked authors that are writing every few years will be read, too. Pam and I are amazed at how prolific some authors are. They seem to come out with a new book every three months. James Patterson brings out books very regularly,

although he alternates between young adult series and adult books. Stuart Woods, Danielle Steel, Sandra Brown and Iris Johansen get books published fairly frequently. At Christmas time a large number of romance and mystery writers bring out shorter books with lighter themes. This makes their publishers and their public happy, and keeps their names in front of their readers until they can write the longer, more complex books they are noted for. Mary Higgins Clark and her daughter, Carol, often collaborate on a holiday-themed title, and Debbie Macomber and Anne Perry usually bring out Christmas-themed books for their readers too.

I have been trying to discard ahead of Pam's making bar codes for the books. I discarded biographies a few days ago which makes Pam's job a little easier and also keeps her from doing a job that will be wiped out immediately. Better to discard before rather than after.

I was supposed to be at a collaborative meeting Thursday evening with representatives from the town and from the University of Maine for preliminary discussions about a university project to document the history of Milo. I was to be the library representative. That meeting was postponed due to weather until next Thursday. I'm so glad that meetings are much more likely to be postponed due to bad weather now. In the "Good Old Days" it was a matter of pride not to postpone meetings, and attendees prided themselves on "Getting There". I have heard some harrowing tales of getting there or getting home. I'm so glad these times are more sensible.

While we are on the subject of storms and icy conditions, please remember to call the library or listen to Q106.5 to learn if the library will be open during bad weather. A quick call could save you a nasty trip downtown.

Recent books from Baker & Taylor:-

Clark, Mary Higgins & Clark, Carol Higgins	DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW
Jance, J.A.	CRUEL INTENT
Miller, Linda Lael	A MCKETTRICK CHRISTMAS

Please Note the following holiday hours:

**The Library Will Be Closed on Wednesday DECEMBER 24
And Will Reopen Monday, DECEMBER 29**
**The Library Will Be Closed on Wednesday DECEMBER 31
And Will Reopen Monday JANUARY 5**
Library Winter Hours Mon. -Weds. -Fri. ---2:00-8:00
Saturdays 2:00-4:00 Telephone 943-2612

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. Gifts for over 150 children have been bought for this year, so donations are VERY welcomed!!

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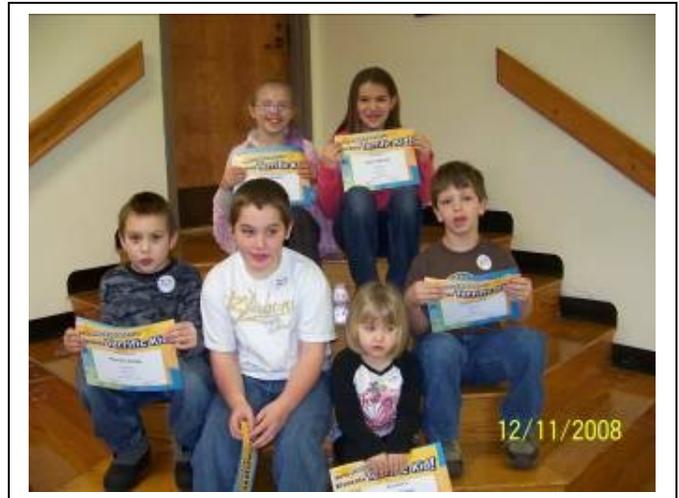
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BROWNVILLE'S TERRIFIC KIDS



K-Alexis Damon 1-Hunter Grant 2-Pheonix Dodge 3-Caleb Russell 4-Harley Brooker 5-Alyssa Murano

**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!

JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

A son, Dalton Gregory Ames, to Kimberly Royal and Melvin Ames III of Milo on December 05, 2008. Wt. 6 pounds 2 ounces.

A son, Aiden Charles Sickler, to Shannon and Timothy Sickler of Milo on December 08, 2008. Wt. 6 pounds 2 ounces.

GRAMMIE'S WEATHER DECEMBER 1992

16-Foggy all day rain late pm. 17-Cloudy icy Rain. 18-Sunny windy. 19-P. sunny am M. cloudy pm dusting of snow in evening. 20-Am rain Cloudy L. shower snow flurries in evening. 21-Sunny windy cold. 22-Dusting of snow am.



Citizen of the Week

Savannah Boilsard

Dear Santa....
The Kitties at
PAWS would
love some
Purina Cat
Food....



**We don't have a chimney,
so just leave it on the porch!!**