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Congratulations Penquis League Champs!!!

The Penquis Valley Railroaders beat the undefeated Sebasticook Jr. High team 51-39 at Nokomis High School on Saturday,



after losing to them in the regular season. Sebasticook hadn't lost a game in 3 years. The boys in blue took the lead from the first minutes of the game, controlled the tempo the entire game, and never looked back. Congratulations boys on a great season.

fantastic season. Thanks for all the great memories. Love.....Your MOMS

As the sled dogs came in and rested from the first leg of their race another competition was in full swing. It was the Turkey



The Penquis Captains, Kelsey Ottmann, Erica Lyford and Morgan Royal get congratulated from another Senior, Paige McGuinness as they bid goodbye to their home crowd on Thursday night. Penquis pulled off the 45-35 win over Schenck.

Penquis will be headed to the Tournament without having to play a prelim game. Congratulations, girls, on a



Bowling competition for youngsters visiting Brownville as part of the 100 Mile Wilderness Sled Dog Race on February 7.

For this special event the "pins" were frozen 2 liter bottles. The "bowling balls" were frozen turkeys. The "lane" was carefully crafted with the aid of a sheet of plastic. Three frames were bowled by each contestant. The highest possible score was 60.

Congratulations to the winner, Adam Stetson (age 8), of Brownville with a score of 38 !

Football League Forms..

The Greater New England Youth Football League (GNYFL) is established and geared up for the inaugural 2009 football season. Representing the League in its inaugural season will be the BCH Knights out of the Bradford, Corinth, Hudson, Kenduskeag, Stetson area, the Warriors of Ellsworth, and the Grizzlies of Guilford.

This will be the Knights' 2nd year of play. Last season they made Maine 8-man football history by being a first year team to make it to the playoffs. The Ellsworth and Guilford teams will be breaking new ground as first year teams, and the league is looking forward to a successful first season. The GNYFL was started by Buddy Smart, President of the League, born and raised in Milo. Rich Feero, of Hermon, is the VP-Director of Operations, and Lisa Nawojczyk of Kenduskeag, the former Secretary/Treasurer and Team Coordinator of the 2008 BCH Knights, is the Secretary/Treasurer of GNYFL. Buddy always wanted to play football, but like many rural area kids, did not get the opportunity. After moving to Bangor and getting involved in semi-pro football, Buddy realized that the structure of being on a football team could teach children to respect themselves and others around them. The players could also learn life lessons that would help them grow as individuals both on and off the field.

In 2008 Buddy met Rich Feero, a former Old Town high school football player from the 80's that loved the game as much as he did. They started talking about how to provide opportunities for the kids from rural areas and from there the GNYFL began.

The long term goal of the Greater New England Youth Football League is to bring football to your hometown. One personal goal Buddy would like to achieve is to some day announce the newest team to the League, his hometown, the Milo Panthers.

Ellen DeWitt of Milo won a home made basket, made by Elaine Poulin from Elaine's Basket Cafe & Gift Shop in Milo on January 31st, 2009. The drawing was for the 2nd anniversary of the restaurant.(Elaine is on the left and Ellen is on the right in Black)



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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!



Attention PVHS Alumni!

Hello all,

It is time to plan for this summer's alumni meeting. I've talked to Linda Colburn, and we can use the BJHS Alumni Building on the 8th of August, free of charge, but I need to let her know for sure. I would like to plan for that day unless someone else has a better idea. Once we set a date, we can start to work out the details. People like to know as far in advance as possible to plan their summer vacations. I need some help in planning, so if you would like to volunteer, let me know. Also, let others know and tell them they can help also. I know last year Lynn Weston was a great help in planning and she is not an officer. Others may want to help. Please write me back and let me know your thoughts. It may also be possible to have our meeting the night before, if we want to do something as a gathering on Saturday. Look forward to hearing from you, Gerry demersg@embarqmail.com

Alex Kearns was the winner of the poster contest, and won a ride to school in the Brownville police cruiser!



Beat the Cold Winter Blues

The Cook School PTO is selling Mid-Winter Raffle Tickets.

Proceeds will be used for special programs and field trips.



Our Fabulous prizes include:

- ☆ Otter Kayak Donated by Old Town Canoe
- ☆ Butcher Block Kitchen Island on Wheels donated by JSI
- ☆ Furnace or Boiler Cleaning-donated by E. Thomas Heating
 - ☆ Avon Gift Basket
 - ☆ Mary Kay Gift Basket
- ☆ \$25 Gift Certificate Thompson Hardware
- ☆ Table Lamp donated by Mainely Rent to Own
 - ☆ \$15 Gift Certificate Wing Wah
- ☆ Basketball donated by the Air Guard
- ☆ Baseball donated by the Air Guard

Drawing will be held Friday, April 3, 2009 at the Cook School
\$1.00/ticket or \$5.00/6 tickets

Please call the school at 943-2196 or see a staff member if you'd like to purchase a ticket.

The Otter Kayak is pictured . No, the paddlers don't come with it!!

Close-Up participants, as well as a few regular people, had a lot of fun on Superbowl Sunday making subs. Hats off to Russell Carey for all he does to make the opportunity possible. More



fundraising projects for the trip include



selling carnations and a jamboree. For the 15th year in a row, Penquis Close Up is selling carnations for St. Valentine's Day. These beautiful red, white, pink, and assorted colored flowers will be delivered to you on February 13, 2009. These flowers are \$1.00 each and you choose your colors when you place your order. To order your carnations for that special Valentine, call Russell Carey at 943 - 2473.

Ronnie Knowles organizes a jamboree which performs at the Milo Town Hall once a month. On Saturday, February 28, 2009, Penquis Close Up will provide refreshments at the jamboree as a fund raiser. The Penquis Close Up students hope many people will attend the jamboree and enjoy a great night of entertainment.

Recess is sure fun when you have a teacher to play along!! The Cook School playground is a great place to hangout!!





Last Friday some staff, parents and students from the Cook School worked at the "Jamboree" at the Town Hall. Ronnie Knowles and his team gave the Cook School students the opportunity to raise funds for their trip to Boston. It was a very busy but highly profitable night for the students. Everyone involved is very grateful to Ronnie and everyone who helped them. The Milo American Legion Auxiliary gave a donation which helped to purchase the paper products so a big thank you to them, too! Our trip is May 22. We thank everyone who's supported our fundraisers.

Milo Recreation will be hosting the 1st annual Cribbage Tournament

Sandwiches and Soup will be available



Light Refreshments are available

Tournament style play will take place

Please Bring Your Own Boards and Cards

February 22nd, 2009

From 1-4 @ the Milo Town Hall

Please Come and Enjoy Hours of Good

Fun and delicious snacks



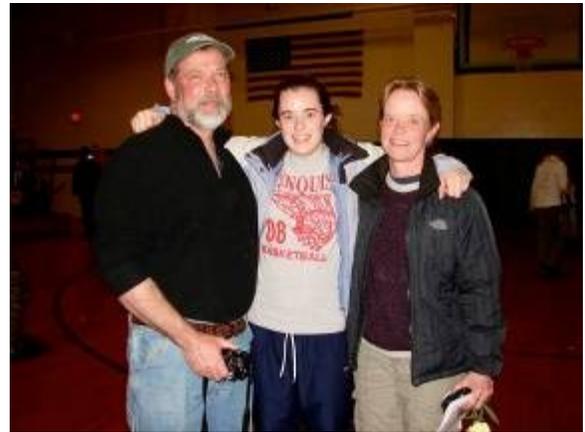
Feb. 20th at 6 pm, at the Milo Town Hall, a meeting for the '09 Men's Penquis Basketball League will be held. This will be an informational meeting about the season, expectations, money, and any questions. Team reps and anyone looking for more information are welcome.

MOVIES FOR SOLDIERS

The Department of Maine Sons of the American Legion have been collecting movie DVD's to send to field hospitals in Iraq and Afghanistan. They have asked for help and the American Legion Junior Auxiliary in Brownville Jct. has offered their assistance. We have soldiers in hospitals and care facilities around the world right now and there is a need for movies on DVD (originals, not copies).

Convalescening in one of these facilities is boring and the movie selection can be small. If you have any DVD's you would be willing to donate, please bring them in to the Milo Farmers Union. The Junior girls will have a receptacle there for the movies to be put into. They will send them to the SAL for distribution.

Our soldiers sacrifice so much for us; please show your appreciation by supporting this endeavor.



It was Senior Night on Thursday for the band and the Varsity girls. Kelsey Ottman has been a key player for the Lady Patriots all year. Here she's shown with her parents Dave and Patti Ottman from Lagrange. You'll be missed next year!



Mikayla just came down the sliding hill at the Cook School and it looks like she's enjoying the ride. It was a beautiful day on Friday and the kids loved getting out to play after a couple days of inside recess due to cold temperatures.



Brownville Terrific Kids

K- Luke Coover 1- Tegan Johnson 2- Megan Valvo 3- Dylan Ouellette 4- Riley Richard 5- Kobe Durant 6- Anthony Ruest
 Guests Officer Wilson and Officer Perkins



Citizen of the Week Zena Baker with Officer Wilson and Officer Perkins

Milo's Terrific Kids

Mrs. Carey - Valentine's Day is a week away, but our Terrific Kid this week is a friend who is really the "sweetest of sweets"! He has been especially kind to our new friend, Frankie, and has made a great effort to help Frankie feel at home in his new school. He has become a respectful school citizen that Milo Elementary can be proud of. We are thankful to have Terrific Thomas Lyford in our kindergarten family.

Mrs. Walker - I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Walker has a room full of dear, sweet Kindergarteners that are all TK's this week!!!!!! They have worked so hard in reading and writing this week. They have co-operated with Mrs. Cianci while Mrs. Lyford was away. They are becoming good counters and improving making their tally marks each morning. It is getting harder and harder to trick with the rhyming bag each day. Mrs. Davis congratulated them all for a super-duper guidance class. We celebrated the Super Bowl and I am pleased to have

my team of Super Kids. Congratulations to all my TK's. WAY TO GO!!!

Mrs. Hayes - We have a very special young lady for our terrific kid this week. She is polite and does very good work. May Horton tells us that she likes listening to stories, she likes Art and she likes recess a lot. May says, "This Friday is my mommy and daddy's anniversary and I am going to make a picture for them at home." Thank you, May, for being so special to our class.

Mrs. Barden - Our terrific kid is a great addition to any classroom. Her reading and writing are number one. She is very careful in math class and is a great helper for her teachers. I'll bet she is a good helper for her mom, too. We wonder if her big brother thinks she is super, too. Congratulations to Shelby Lancour for her great attitude.

Mrs Tardiff & Mrs. Hussey - C is for caring, which this girl does daily; O is for organized, her desk is so neat; R is for responsible, her homework is always done; and A is for awesome. We wish there were more like her. Congratulations, Cora Bailey!

This boy has made better behavior choices this week. He is adjusting nicely to his new morning schedule and is working hard to be an active listener at story time. Keep up the good work, Nathaniel Tucker!

Mrs. Bessey - The student who is our terrific kid this week has tried very hard to keep things together and do the work that is expected of him. He is very patient and is always full of transformer stories. He is a big brother who watches out for his sister and is meticulous in his handwriting. He waits very quietly at the end of the day for his bus. He thinks quite a bit before he answers a question and is reflective on others' answers. Congratulations to Robert Jennings.



Mrs. Mills - Our terrific kid has worked hard for this award. He spends time in two different places each day. He has worked hard this week and followed all the school rules. He is a hard worker and always willing to help in the classroom. He has some very exciting things going on at home and I think that helped him this week. Way to go, Alec Young.

Mrs. Whitney - 4 Whitney's Terrific Kid this week is a young man who has worked very hard to get his work done. He has been successful this week. He comes in the morning wanting to

visit friends and only needs a couple of reminders to get going. Great improvement Peter Bishop! Keep up the good work!

Ms. Patton - Ms. Patton's Terrific Kid is Alana Nickerson. Alana is a very sweet girl who is always on task and always a great listener. She has been working really hard at sounding out words and being a fluent reader. I'm really proud of Alana and all the effort she has been putting into her schoolwork. Congratulations Alana Nickerson.

Mrs. Knowlton - This week's TK in 5K is Chris Johnson! He is kind to his friends, responsible for his planner and his work and is a member of the band and the outing club. Chris is a good math student and he is working hard on his MEA practice items. Congratulations, Chris Johnson!

Mrs. Gillis - Strawberry, raspberry, huckleberry pie,

This Berry can be the apple of my eye,
She does her work with an attitude so great,
Her MEA results should be first-rate!

Congratulations to Zoe Alexis Berry!

Mrs. Clukey - The terrific kid from 6C this week is someone who comes to class ready to get to work. For the most part she follows all the classroom rules. This week all her teachers have mentioned how focused on her work she has been, even electing to do school work when given an opportunity of free time. This certainly shows a very positive new attitude for this young lady. April Morgan is this week's terrific kid.

Ms. Dixon-Wallace - The Terrific Kid in DW 6 this week is a new student to our school. She has made many new friends and is a social butterfly. This can get her in trouble a little bit sometimes, but she has been working hard on not chatting when she is supposed to be working; and speaking of working, she is really getting down to her work lately, her other teachers have noticed this as well. I am very proud to honor Mandy Foss as this week TK in DW 6. Keep up the good work Mandy!



Cook School Terrific Kids

Courtney Webb, Kylee Trafton, and Miss Jean Armstrong were honored as Terrific Kids at our February 6th assembly. The kindergarten and first grade class presented a cute program about shadows in honor of Ground Hog Day.

Mrs. Nott: Courtney is my terrific kid this week. Courtney has

been working very hard to follow directions this week. She has been putting away materials and coming to the rug the first time she has been asked. She has been doing very well in her writing and reading. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Johnston: My Terrific Kid this week is Kylee. She could be T Kid every week because of her great attitude, her willingness to follow directions and get her work done, and her helpfulness towards the other students in the class. She is a good friend to everyone! But this week when things were loud in our room, or there were a lot of things going on all at once, Kylee kept plugging away and ignored the distractions.

Miss K: Miss Jean is an outstanding volunteer for our school. She asked me in the beginning of her time here if she could work a few hours a day a few days a week. That has progressed to closer to 4 or 5 days every week. She arrives with a smile on her face, follows directions, is kind to others, and a great role model for our school. Her granddaughter Haley is very proud of her too! Thank you Miss Jean.

Bus Awards: Destiny, Emma, Ethan

Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Makayla P., Kaela, Trinity, Harmony, Dakota H.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.

To The editor: Over the years Charleston Correctional Facility has been open, we have heard many thanks coming from area towns and non-profit organizations for the work that Charleston has done. It is now time to thank all of you for your support in keeping 15 employees working and our second housing unit open until June. Without your support, we might not have been successful. Thank you for realizing how beneficial the restitution work performed by our prisoners is to our local communities and taxpayers.

You can be assured that your e-mails, letters, and phone calls of support were read and listened to. We heard first hand from the Representatives and Senators we spoke to in Augusta that our area support was tremendous. We also want to thank our elected officials and others for taking the time to educate themselves in what CCF is about and what we can do for this region. Your support is most appreciated.

Although this was just the first step to ensure both housing units stay open until June, we must continue to find ways to maintain both units through the next biennium budget cycle. By keeping both units open, we will be able to maintain a high level of service in this economically depressed region. The staff here at CCF have not taken that challenge lightly and have already started seeking cost-saving measures here at the facility. Some of our employees that have appropriate steam licenses have made sacrifices by volunteering to work a different shift. This action allows the facility to burn wood 24/7 instead of fuel oil; this is a huge cost savings for the taxpayer.

It doesn't stop there. We are looking at every way possible to save money whether it be turning off lights or eliminating phone lines.

Other cost-saving measures have already been put in place. A new "level system" is now in place and has already

shown positive results in the short time it has been in affect. The "Level System" improves prisoner responsibility and accountability through positive reinforcement. The Level System reduces cost by reducing prisoner misconducts and prepares prisoners for release into the community. We expect these practices will assist offenders in their success in the community. The staff will continue to work on other suggestions and ideas to save money and positions.

The process has already begun for a wind turbine to be constructed at the facility which will decrease further energy dependency and increase energy efficiency. Our facility and staff are committed to continue being a positive influence in the surrounding communities and upon our society. We are ever conscious of taxpayer's money because we are taxpayers, too. Again, thank you for your support. It is both invaluable and appreciated by everyone here at CCF.

On behalf of the Staff at Charleston Correctional Facility
Tom Sands
Industry Manager
Charleston Correctional Facility



WHAT'S UP DOC?
By: Dr. Kevin Chasse

Q: What are your thoughts about yoga?

A: Yoga and pilates can be a wonderful workout routine. You can gain both flexibility and strength. The relaxation techniques you will learn are very helpful and may

help you relieve stress. Over all I would say it is an excellent choice of exercise.

Have a great day!
Note my new email address.
drchasse@myfairpoint.net



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Smoke-Free Housing Campaign Comes to Downeast and Northern Maine

A movement towards smoke-free multiunit housing is growing state and nation-wide as landlords learn of the financial and health benefits of a smoke-free apartment

The Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine is now expanding its outreach efforts to Northern and Downeast Maine in order to assist landlords with information and support in adopting a smoke-free policy. "We believe smoke-free housing exists in these areas and landlords are interested in the prospect of adopting this money-saving policy," asserts Coalition Chair Tina Pettingill. "The Coalition is reaching out to landlords in Northern and Downeast Maine to ensure awareness that such policies are legal, justified and highly marketable."

The outreach campaign in Northern and Downeast Maine, including Aroostook County, the Northern Penquis region and Washington County, will include newspaper advertisements and a postcard mailing to each landlord in the region. Local Healthy Maine Partnerships in each area will help coordinate technical assistance for local landlords and guide tenants to apartments listed as smoke-free. "With this campaign, it is our goal to help landlords and housing professionals in Northern and Downeast Maine to implement smoke-free housing policies that not only save money, but lives as well," states Pettingill. For landlords with existing smoke-free buildings, and prospective tenants, the Coalition maintains a free online registry containing smoke-free apartments available in Maine on their website at www.smokefreeforme.org.

The trend towards smoke-free housing, which began in Maine back in early 2004 when Auburn Housing Authority became the first housing authority in the state to adopt a policy, has grown exponentially in Maine. Today, more than 40% of Maine's apartment buildings and 72% of housing authorities are smoke-free. Policies vary, from prohibiting smoking exclusively inside the building, to specifying smoke free areas within a designated distance from entry ways, vents, and windows, to maintaining 100% smoke-free properties and grounds.

Implementation of a smoke-free policy can save landlords and property management companies hundreds, even thousands of dollars a year. "For a single unit, landlords can save two to six times on the turnover of the apartment," says Amy Olfene, Coordinator for the Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine, a non-profit group working to protect residents in multiunit housing from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke. "Between additional cleaning, paint, and repairs needed to turn over a unit where smoking has been allowed, landlords can spend \$500 to \$3,000 more than if smoking were prohibited in the unit."

In addition, smoking-related fires are the number one cause of residential fire-related deaths, not only in Maine, but the nation as a whole. In April 2008 the State Fire Marshal's Office issued a plea to landlords and housing professionals to go smoke-free. "The Maine State Fire Marshal's Office encourages housing authorities and other multiunit properties in Maine to weigh all the benefits a smoke-free policy will deliver in addition to reducing the probability of deaths, injuries, and property loss associated with smoking-related fires," stated Fire Marshal John Dean in a media release. "By adopting such a policy in multiple dwelling structures, we will not only diminish the likelihood of an individual being killed or injured, but also the chances of a catastrophic multiple fatality fire from occurring as well."

The Coalition points out that it is important to remember that smoke-free policies are about the smoke, not the smoker. "Smoke-free policies are about protecting the health of the residents and the value and safety of the property. Nearly 80% of tenants, smokers and non-smokers alike want to live in a smoke-free environment. Everyone, from tenant to landlord, benefits when a smoke-free policy is implemented in a multiunit building," explains Olfene.

If you are interested in learning more about going smoke-free, or listing your smoke-free building on the Coalition's free online registry, please visit www.smokefreeforme.org. For local information on smoke-free housing and cessation information for your tenants and staff, please contact your local Healthy Maine Partnership, the Piscataquis Public Health Council, at 564-4184.

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Everyday in Maine, one non-smoker dies from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Tobacco smoke contains over 4,000 chemicals, 50 of which are carcinogens. The Surgeon General stated in a 2006 report that there is "no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke."

Secondhand smoke exposure is responsible for approximately 55,000 deaths among nonsmokers in the United States each year.

Secondhand smoke is a known cause of many pediatric ailments such as ear infections, respiratory tract infections, and SIDS. The Asthma Regional Council of New England stated in a 2006 report that children exposed to secondhand smoke in the home are 44% more likely to suffer from asthma.

Smoke-free apartments are less expensive to maintain. When a smoking tenant moves out, costly cleaning and repairs (totaling \$500-\$3000 more than a non-smoking apartment) are necessary to prepare the unit for the next tenant. Also, property-casualty insurance can be less expensive for non-smoking buildings.

The Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine is a non-profit group of over 50 public health advocates, tenants, landlords, property managers, environmental health professionals and others who have been working to protect residents living in multiunit housing from involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke since 2004. The Coalition is sustained by grants from the Partnership For A Tobacco-Free Maine, funded by Fund for a Healthy Maine.

The Smoke-Free Housing Coalition's website- www.smokefreeforme.org contains information for both tenants and landlords. The website also includes a Smoke-Free Housing registry, created so that prospective tenants could have a convenient database to search for smoke-free housing options, and as a way for landlords to advertise their units without cost. The free, online registry currently holds nearly 3,200 smoke-free units from fifteen different counties throughout Maine.

To learn more about the Smoke-Free Housing Coalition of Maine and its services, please visit www.smokefreeforme.org or call (207) 874-8774.

[Information regarding your local organization/HMP] Milo Free

Milo Public Library News

By Judy MacDougall

January is over, and the year is moving toward spring. February is always a short month and then there's March. It can be the month with the most snow, but spring is just around the corner. We have had some lovely sunny days this winter, which I thoroughly enjoy. Sun does a lot for my spirits on a crisp winter day.

We have received our new books from the Junior Library Guild this month. The second book in the Sisters 8 series is Durinda's Dangers. We received the first book last month, Annie's Adventures, in which we learned the sisters' parents are missing. Each sister has a special power which helps them in their search for their parents and in preventing a nosy neighbor from being too inquisitive. This series contains fun-and funny-adventure stories. The books have been written by Lauren Baratz-Logsted, along with her husband and eight-year-old daughter. The other book we received from this company is My One Hundred Adventures by Polly Horvath. Jane, the 12 year old heroine yearns to move beyond the world of her family and to step into the "know-not-what"-where things happen. And over the summer she has adventures and meets a variety of new friends, but also learns that it is not what happens to you that matters in an adventure, but what you learn about yourself.

Adult books we have received this past week include the already very sought-after The Associate by John Grisham.

Patrons have been asking about it for several weeks and now we have received it. Dark of Night by Suzanne Brockman has also arrived. We have also received a non-fiction book that intrigued me so I selected it just because I was very interested. It is Hands of My Father: -A Hearing Boy, His Deaf Parents, and the Language of Love by Myron Uhlberg. Myron Uhlberg's first language was sign language, even though he was not deaf. The book tells of the problems his parents had in early schools for the deaf, tells how Myron while still only a child began to translate his parents' sign language to speech for store clerks, and others.

We have also received two mailings that may be of interest to patrons and area citizens. The Onward Program at the University of Maine presents a program that helps people obtain a four-year degree at the University of Maine. Students accepted into the Onward Program attend the University and generally spend most of their first year taking courses to prepare them for college level courses. Upon completion of these classes, students may begin to take courses toward their intended degree. If a student is accepted into the program, they are eligible for financial aid packages. There are peer advisors and counseling services available, too. For interested people the support received may be the first step needed to go on to get a college degree. The library has brochures and information available.

Another mailing we received this week were brochures from FINRA Job Dislocation-making smart financial choices after a job loss. These brochures have a number of suggestions to help you manage your financial life before and after a job loss. There are many suggestions on how to manage your money, your health insurance, 401k plan and other employer benefits. If you think this brochure could be of help, come into your local library to pick one up.

Remember too, the library has two Kill-A-Watt electric meters. They are easy to use, will help you discover how much electricity an appliance is using, and may make the decision of whether to keep the appliance or discard it a simple solution. They can be loaned for a week at a time. The meters have been borrowed several times, and people seem pleased to have them available.

**The Library Will Be Closed On MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
In Observance Of PRESIDENTS DAY
Library Winter Hours
Mon.-Weds.-Fri.—2:00-8:00 Saturday 2:00-4:00**

BRAND NEW AT MAYO REGIONAL HOSPITAL!

A son, Dean William Gallagher, to Britney and Timothy Gallagher of Dover-Foxcroft on January 25, 2009. Wt. 7 pounds 10 ounces.

A son, Connor James Badger, to Tasha Badger of Milo on January 26, 2009. Wt. 6 pounds 11 ounces.

A son, Aidan Earl Raymond East, to Rene and Andrew East of Milo on January 27, 2009. Wt. 8 pounds 6 ounces.

A son, Luke Joseph LaGoy, to Christina and Spencer LaGoy of Atkinson on February 01, 2009. Wt. 8 pounds 12 ounces.



A Bit of Veteran's History

By Richard L Graves Sr.

Thomas S. Howard of Milo, Maine

A member of Joseph P. Chaisson American Legion Post 41 for 64 years and marches in uniform every Memorial Day Parade; Tom shares his memories during the Second World War joining the Army Air Corp June 1st, 1940 and completing basic and flight training at Scott Field, Illinois.

It was a time when there were more planes than pilots; Tom received training in electronics communication and flying starting with a P-40 War Hawk fighter and later bomber aircraft. It is not common for pilots to be non-commissioned officers, but this was unusual times. Tom was assigned to the 2nd Bombardment Group Twelfth Air Force, entering combat operations in North Africa operating from several bases in Algeria and Tunisia, eventually becoming a part of the Fifteenth Air Force and flying out of Amendola, Italy.

Most memorable event was a flight of deception. A specific gasoline factory in Germany had been designated as a high priority target. Many planes were lost in previous attempts to get through the German Air defense. Tom was the co-pilot of a bomber within a flying formation going into Germany; both sides could monitor radio traffic. Tom had a crew member aboard who was fluent and familiar with the German language. Preplanned, Tom's aircraft radioed headquarters that they were having engine problems, requesting permission to return to base, permission granted, they pulled away from the group swinging back, but also heading for the factory, Apparently the German Air Defense was more concerned with the formation of aircraft and the German-speaking crew member listening to German air traffic guided them through German air defenses to a successful bombing mission on the factory. A single aircraft without fighter protection went above and beyond to get the mission done.

Thomas S. Howard was issued the Legion of Merit and returned to the United States, where he worked on electrical systems in B-29's just prior to discharge in December of 1944. He received permanent ear damage from the dive bombing, but never successfully presented a disability claim.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

HELP OUT YOUR COMMUNITY AND GET A CHANCE TO WIN 50 GALLONS OF FREE HEATING FUEL (50 Gallons of #2 or Equal Value of Propane or Kerosene)

The Town of Brownville is applying for a Community Development Block Grant that, if funded, would provide \$250,000 for housing rehabilitation to residents in Brownville, Milo, LaGrange, Medford, Barnard, Orneville, and Williamsburg. While there is no question about our financial need, in order to have a competitive application, we must demonstrate our outreach to the community and the support of our residents.

We will use the returned pre-applications to illustrate the specific needs of our region and to demonstrate our outreach efforts to inform the community members about the grant opportunity.

We need residents from Brownville, Milo, LaGrange, Medford, Barnard, Orneville, and Williamsburg to fill out the pre-application and return it to your local Town Office, Town of Brownville, or Community Development by Thursday, February 26, 2009. Applications are available at your local Town Office, area businesses, and online at www.brownville.org.

EVERY HOUSEHOLD THAT RETURNS A PRE-APPLICATION BY THE DEADLINE (2/26/2009) WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RANDOM DRAWING TO WIN 50 GALLONS OF FREE HEATING FUEL.

Limit one application per household. One winner will be selected from all applications received.

PRE-APPLICATION

**BROWNVILLE REGIONAL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING PROGRAM**

61 Main Street, Box 6

Suite 62

Bangor, ME 04401

Tel: 1-800-648-8335 ~ Fax: (207) 947-4353

Dear Resident:

The Towns of Brownville, Milo, Orneville, LaGrange, Medford, Barnard, and Williamsburg are preparing to submit an application for a Community Development housing program. If we are successful, \$250,000 will be available for housing improvements beginning in 2009. We are asking residents to complete this pre-application so we can provide the State with a better understanding of the types of needs facing residents and the amount of interest in a grant program. We will contact those residents who complete pre-applications if our application is successful. The types of improvements eligible through a Community Development program include wells, septic systems, heating, roofing, siding, windows, doors or other health and safety or energy efficiency related repairs. All information provided will remain confidential.

Thank you for your interest in this program and please call the Community Development office at **1-800-648-8335** if you have any questions.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Street Address _____

Mailing Address (if different) _____

Do you or anyone in your family have a disability or handicap? _____

Is your property a house? _____ Mobile Home? _____ Estimate Age _____

What housing conditions do you feel need improvement? _____

Is your septic system failing? _____

Are any of the above items an immediate hazard to your health and safety? _____

Please mail this form to:

**Town of Brownville
586 Main Road
Brownville, ME 04414 OR
Fax: (207) 965-2561
manager@brownville.org**

**Community Development
61 Main Street, Box 6
Suite 62
Bangor, ME 04401**

**OR YOUR LOCAL TOWN
OFFICE**

**** Household Income Eligibility Limits ****

<i>1 Person</i>	<i>2 Persons</i>	<i>3 Persons</i>	<i>4 Persons</i>	<i>5 Persons</i>	<i>Person s</i>	<i>7 Persons</i>	<i>8 Persons</i>
27,600	31,550	35,500	39,450	42,600	45,750	48,900	52,050

***We also NEED the public to attend the public hearing/workshop
scheduled for February 26, 2009, at 6:30pm at the Milo Town Office.
It's time for us ALL to help Change our area's economy!***