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Tag Sale/Food Sale- Saturday, October 9, 2010 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Park Street United Methodist Church, Fellowship Room
15 Park Street, Milo, ME 04463
Benefit the Park Street UMC 100th Anniversary Celebration Fund
Contact Information: Jean Robinson- 943-2720 or Merna Dunham 943-2353

GENTLY USED CLOTHES NEEDED FOR FUNDRAISER

Cleaning out your clothes closet? Bring your gently used clothes to the Brownville Community Church during the first week of October. On October 9th the church will be hosting a clothes and food sale to benefit Holy Joe's Café, a coffee house ministry served by chaplains for service men and women in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. The church will be open to receive your donated clothes beginning Tues, October 5th. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Ann at 852-3566.

Members of the Wellness Warriors, walked or ran in the Race for the Cure in Bangor. We remembered those no longer with us and CELEBRATED those who beat the despicable disease. An incredible day!



BROWNVILLE: The Brownville Elementary PTO will be hosting a Scrapbooking Event on Sat., Oct. 16th from 9:00am - 6:00pm at the Brownville Elementary school. The cost is \$20.00. That includes table space and lunch. There is limited space so please call Jaime at 965-8759 asap to reserve your space.



Steve Hamlin is shooting his musket in support of our Varsity Penquis Patriots Soccer teams. Steve fires a shot every time the Patriots score a goal. The kids and fans look forward to hearing the loud bang. The Milo & Brownville Recreation Departments and the Patriots soccer teams would like to thank Steve for his support.



Attention All Crafters:

Christmas Craft Fair

November 27, 2010

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Milo Town Hall

Sponsored by:

Milo Fire Fighter's Auxiliary

Anyone interested in a space call 943-2872 or

Write to Milo Fire Fighter's Auxiliary, 40 Park St., Milo ME 04463

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Just over 110 Days and counting... Hello friends and neighbors! After a long summers nap Santa is ready to get back to work with your help. In July Santa received a phone call from Deanna Bellatty. The Bellatty's have an annual Christmas in July party. This year many friends and family members came bearing new toys for some lucky boy or girl. Presents were picked up and placed in Santa's secret storage. Many thanks to the Bellatty family and friends.

However, Santa is finding that each year his list is growing larger. Seven years ago Santa had 40 children on his list and that list grew to 218 this past Christmas. And to be honest Santa was a little worried but with the help of so many generous folks in this community 218 children woke up Christmas mornings with smiles on their faces. Not to mention, warm boots, coats, hats, mittens and toys under the Christmas tree.

Santa is expecting the list to grow even larger this year. So friends, neighbors and Alumni please give Santa a helping hand again this year. Anyone interested in making donations of new toys, mittens or cash would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at the Milo Town Office or mailed to Three Rivers Kiwanis, PO Box 143, Milo, ME 04463. Checks can be made out to Three Rivers Kiwanis Secret Santa or contact Bonnie Hurley @ 943-5645. Many Thanks to All, Santa



These Brownville Elementary Students were chosen to cut the ribbon for the opening of their new school playground.

The school thanks all the donors, volunteers and supporters for this wonderful gift which will be used for at least a couple decades! We especially thank the families of Andy Larson, George Richardson and Donna Paul who designated the Playground Fund in lieu of flowers upon the loss of their family members. It was a very thoughtful gesture.

Hello, I am Patches, a wonderful friendly young girl who was abandoned on the shelter porch. I am so lovable and in need of my forever home. I have been spayed and am up to date on my shots. Please call Mary Jean at 943-5116 to come see me.





Katahdin Iron Works came alive to 44 students from Brownville Elementary School on September 16. Bill Sawtell, our local historian, gave a guided tour of this historic site to third, fourth, and fifth grade students of Mrs. Page's and Mrs. Duncan's classes. They learned about the process for converting ore into iron, and the method of transporting it to Bangor with the use of oxen. Through Mr. Sawtell's expertise in this area, students came away with a richer appreciation for the hard work and dedication of people from an earlier time period. They enjoyed a nice picnic lunch at the site and were treated to ice creams from Bill. A surprise visit from Rudy Pelletier from the television show "American Loggers" brought delight to many of the students. The staff at the school appreciate the commitment Mr. Sawtell has given to them over the years.



Milo Elementary Terrific Kids

A Bit of Veteran's History

By CSM (RET) Richard L Graves Sr

Thomas A Guthrie of Milo, an active member of Joseph P Chaisson American Legion Post 41 shares some of his military history during the Vietnam War Era. Joined the United States Marine Corp in 1974, attending basic training at Paris Island and attached to the Drum and Bugle Corp. Tom decided to attend training as a wireman and attended advance training at Camp Lejeune, South Carolina, then to airborne training school (TDY) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Graduation required a minimum of five jumps of which he exceeded the requirement

and returned to 175th Artillery Battery as a wireman at Camp Lejeune.

In February 1975 Tom was assigned to the 7th Fleet in Okinawa and served upon the USS Blue Ridge, an LCC19 with



helicopter landing pads and the Flag ship involved with Operation Frequent Wind. Evacuation of personnel from Vietnam was in full swing as the ship would remain outside of Subic Bay three and half miles. Helicopters flew back and forth twenty-four-seven until May, 1975. Tom's duties aboard ship changed to security with all the mixed personnel brought on board to include Vietnamese civilians traveling with very few personal items. You can just imagine the turmoil of just finding a place for these people to eat, sleep and personal hygiene.

The USS Blue Ridge sailed to Pendleton, Ca with military, civilian and Vietnamese Nationals. Tom was discharged in October, 1975.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Pamela Flanagan

Did you know that the Maine State Library has a NextReads newsletter? This is a free email newsletter service. The link for signing up to this newsletter can be found at the Maine State Library web page via their online services link or at <http://www.nextreads.com/join.aspx?SID=9a8cbf63-da5e-41ab-8f4e-53d3b3d1ab1b>

Topics cover a wide range from All Things Maine to Thrillers and Suspense. They include great book suggestions and one can select as many newsletters as they like. The

interested reader can see a sample of each newsletter and the choices it has to offer by clicking on the name of the newsletter. Fantasy, for example will bring up an entire page of book titles with author, summary, and a link that will take the reader directly to URSUS, Maine State Library's catalog. If you have any questions about this service you can contact the Maine State Library at 207-287-5600 or email reference.desk@maine.gov

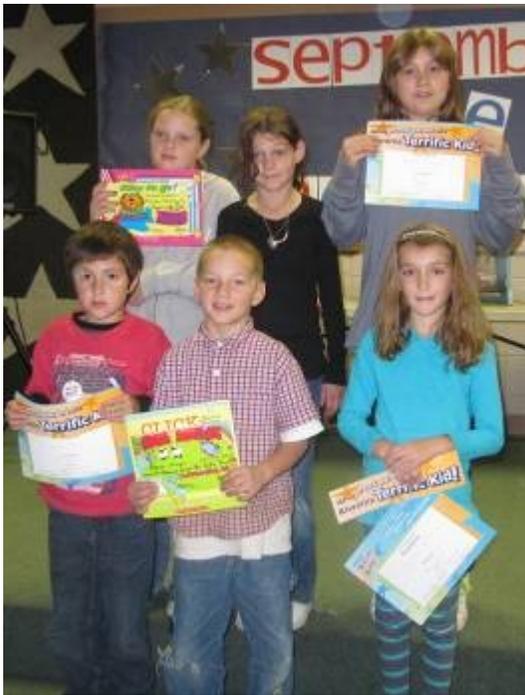
Use it for fun or reference but don't be deceived into thinking this is the only place to find a great read. Not when your own local library has the following books in, new and ready for circulation!

Haywood Smith	Waking up in Dixie
John Sandford	Bad Blood
Rita Mae Brown	Nose for Justice
Sophie Kinsella	Mini Shopaholic
Stephen Frey	Heavens Fury
Stuart Woods	Santa Fe Edge

Winter Hours

Mon. 2-8, Wed. 2-8, Fri. 1-7, Sat. 2-4

Jeremiah, Miranda, and Bree-Anna were honored as Terrific Kids at our September 24th assembly.



Mrs. Nott: Jeremiah is my terrific kid this week. He has had a busy week at home and at school and has done a good job staying focused. He has been doing his best this week and asking often how his day is going. Good job Jeremiah.

Mrs. Johnston: Miranda LeClair has had an Outstanding week! She comes in ready to learn every morning. She has learned our routine so well she often anticipates what is coming, gathers her materials and gets to her spot before I can even say it! She is very respectful of her classmates and our room, working quietly and independently. She loves to help keep our room tidy!

Miss K.: Bree-Anna is Terrific every day. She has a wonderful attitude and works hard on all of her assignments. She is kind hearted and is a good friend to all. Thank you Bree-Anna. Bus Kids: Russell, Heaven, Emma Caught Being Good Prize Winners: Lily, Aubrey, Bruce, Kylee, Sonny

Upcoming Events: Halloween Dance October 29th, 6-8 PM. Students must be accompanied by an adult. The price for admission is a can of cranberries, a box of stuffing, or a \$1 donation. November 13-- Turkey Supper, 5-6:30. Veterans Day Remembrance-Nov 10 @ 12:30.

Congratulations to all of our Terrific kids.



Grades 4 and 5 are studying water.

Penquis boys varsity soccer team lost their home opener against Foxcroft Academy 4 - 2 on Monday afternoon.

Photo:Penquis sophomore Jason Durant makes a move on a Foxcroft player...



Penquis High School Girls lost their first game of the season 2 - 0 to PVHS of Howland on Thursday afternoon. Penquis Patriots # 12 Jessica Preble and # 15 Kambrea Atkinson attempt to steal the ball from a Lady Howler.



Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo-Brownville

September 22, 2010
Regular Morning Meeting

The meeting at Hobnobber's was called to order at 6:45 AM, and was attended by fourteen members. We had interclubs from Dover-Foxcroft (5) and Key Club (2). Our guests today were David Paulin and his son, Bill Paulin who was visiting from Florida.

Eben led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and Edwin offered the Morning Prayer. Tom Harrigan and Myrna Dunham will be celebrating their birthdays on September 28.

Communications: Penquis Smart Starts for Students Program reported that our area served 190 students in 2010, which is up from 102 in 2009. This represents an increase of 86% in one year's time.

Fifteen happy/sad dollars were collected - Lois announced that the Yankees are in first place; David happy son

is visiting; Frank's foot not doing well; Kiwanis One Day at Heidi's Head Start Program was a success (pictures to follow); Lois enjoyed a visit to Disneyworld; Stephen King is supporting the local Blessings in a Backpack Program (thanks to background work done by Amber Gahagan).

Two announcements: Hooked on Fishing will be this Friday, September 24 - volunteers needed for the morning and afternoon sessions at 8:30 and 12:30. Mayo Hospital Auxiliary will hold a Variety Show on Friday, October 8 at 7 PM at the Center Theatre in Dover. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Frank Cochrane will be asked to be the coordinator between Kiwanis and the American Legion for the Veterans Dinner, as he has done in the past.

Upcoming Dates: September 25 - Kiwanis Officer training at Hamden (we have seven people attending); September 28 - Orono/Old Town Installation; September 29 - Milo Installation Dinner at the Town Hall at 5:30 dinner being served, please bring an appetizer to share; October 5 - Greenville Installation; October 9 - Dover Installation (dessert and beverage being served); October 6 - Sue Stetson speaking about the 4-H garden program; October 7 - Board Meeting; October 13 - business meeting. Also, Builders Club meets on Mondays and Key Club meets on Thursdays.

Michael Wright is the superintendent of MSAD 41 and was our speaker today. He has had a long career in education and administration spanning 33 years. He also gave coaching a try which didn't pan out. He has been in Milo for one year and has found the Milo School Board to be very supportive if his plans, which includes what's best for the students. Every school in the district has a new principal this year and they are as follows: Eris Smith, Milo Elementary; Matt Hackett, Milo High School; Lynn Weston, Brownville; and Vicki Thomas, LaGrange. The big problem facing MSAD 41 this year is to try to figure out how to avoid paying the \$113,000 penalty to the state for not consolidating as mandated by law, and at the same time look for opportunities for the students within whatever plan is decided upon. In this regard, Milo and Howland have been trying to come up with a feasible plan that will address both of these concerns. Nothing has been decided yet. In the meantime, former governor, Angus King has sent to every school superintendent in Maine a copy of a book entitled The Global Achievement Gap by Tony Wagner, and recommended that the schools use this as a guide to planning for the students' education. Some of the topics covered are the future of education; teaching the students to think; and professional development for the teachers. Michael has embraced this wholeheartedly and provided all teachers in his schools (through grant monies) a copy of the book. As the year progresses, meetings will be held to develop plans that fit our local education needs.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 AM
Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Harrigan, Secretary

I am reprinting this because it is so important!!
Traditions of a Milo-ite By Kathryn Witham

Every now and then I am urged by one situation or another (or one person or another) to write a column. Today I attended a meeting of the Ecumenical Food Cupboard committee that was both heartwarming and disheartening. How could that be? Let me explain. It was heartwarming to attend the meeting with so many interested, motivated, and committed people. Heartening to learn that regardless of how the economy of this little town has declined, we will work hard to keep the food cupboard open, keep it staffed, and keep on keeping on. The disheartening part of the meeting was learning that we are the poorest we've ever been. We are serving twice again the number of clients that we served a year ago. Instead of having a comfy cushion of funds to buy perishables for the clients, we've got about enough for another month...barring an unforeseen emergency.

We believe the clients who come through our doors are sincere people trying desperately to feed their families. We can't imagine not being able to fill that need. Feeding the hungry in Milo and Brownville has been a mission of most of the churches in the area for some time. The Park Street United Methodist Church has taken a lead in this role because the food cupboard is housed in our church. But don't be mistaken. Many churches, as well as community leaders in the area, are represented at the committee meetings and when work needs doing. The scouts, the schools, the Post Office, and countless other generous people have also supported the effort. We are all in this together, folks.

Hopefully many of you reading this will say, "Tell me how I can help." Thank you for that. We're counting on you doing just that. Help is what we need. We need help raising funds, gathering goods for the cupboard, and mostly we need your ideas and your time to think up fund raising ideas and putting them into action. If you have an idea...call your friends, neighbors, or your organization. Gather your resources, plan the event and MAKE IT HAPPEN!! This community has come to the rescue many times over the years, and this, my friends, is a project that needs your attention sooner rather than later.

We did a little brainstorming while at our meeting this morning. We've always been able to support the mission with the funding and contributions that, by God's grace, have found their way to our cupboard. We now agree that we need more help. Prepare yourselves for canisters placed prominently in stores to collect your change or extra dollar bills. If you attend a local church, someone will no doubt be speaking to you in the next week or two about putting a little extra in a special collection plate. Or, expect special boxes to be set up near the entrances of public facilities to collect your contribution of food product. If you belong to an organization, expect someone to speak about our plight. You might even take the initiative and be that person who speaks to your group. Someone spoke at Garden Club this afternoon, and our fun Pig-In-A-Poke gift auction proceeds will all go to the food cupboard. Yay!!

If you are planning on participating in "Make A Difference Day," consider the Ecumenical Food Cupboard as your project. If you are an administrator or teacher in MSAD #41, consider having your students sponsor a fundraiser or food drive for their community service project. If you own a business in the area, why not challenge your employees to come up with a project that will benefit the Ecumenical Food Cupboard. Many already do, and we thank them for their participation. If your business already participates in making a difference for the food cupboard, why not reintroduce your project to the employees, and get them excited again.

Surely we can make a difference to the neediest here in Milo. If you have a contribution either personal or group, you can call me at 943-2112 or you can call Lew and Hope Dyer at 943-7785 and we will make arrangements for you to deliver food or tell you where to send your contribution of money. The Town Managers of both Milo and Brownville are on-board with our situation, and will be glad to point you in the right direction with any and all contributions, as well. If you're reading this, our committee has passed the ball to you. We hope you'll take it and run with it. Thank you.

Editor's Note: Kathryn's column is called Traditions of a Milo-ite, and as citizens of Milo (and surrounding towns) we have an opportunity to perpetuate one of our most wonderful and oldest traditions: Help your neighbors. Let's all rally and make sure Lew, and everyone involved can do what they are destined to do; Let's make sure no child or adult goes without food in the coming months.

Kiwanis wants to help in this effort, and we know all of you do too, so we are planning a MAJOR food drive to coincide with our annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner!! Everyone who attends is encouraged to "Pay It Forward" by bringing a non-perishable item or two at the dinner. While our love and thankfulness for the service all military folks provide us is the reason we put our dinner on, we KNOW that everyone who attends would enjoy a special way to show their appreciation so here it is!! If you would like you can leave the items in your car and we will run down and grab them for you!! I hope that we will have a huge amount of food to give Lew, which will be small in comparison to the gratitude we have for our veterans!!

In the coming weeks we will remind you of the items that are most wanted, What a great event this is going to be! The dinner will be on November 11th, so we have almost 2 months to stock up on cans of soup, veggies and boxes of pasta!! This is going to be wonderful!! Thanks!! *Valerie Robertson*