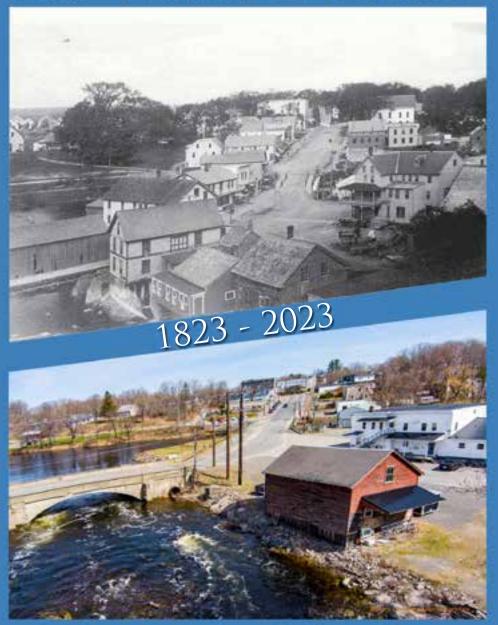
Milo's 200th Anniversary



A GUIDE TO MILO'S YEAR-LONG BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Introduction

2023 marks the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the town of Milo. The town will be celebrating every month, all year long, with special events and activities for you to enjoy.

We will kick off events in January 2023 with a gigantic birthday party. That's the date, 200 years ago, that the town of Milo was incorporated. We will also be celebrating the 100th birthdays of the Milo Town Hall and the Milo Public Library. Come for cake, music, displays, and perhaps a speaker or two. We have a lot to celebrate and to be thankful for.

This booklet will give an overview of the fun activities we are planning for each month. There will be an emphasis on our town's 200 years of history. There will also be lots of food, music, dancing, enactments, fun things for the kids to do, and a lot more. Please use this booklet as your guide for a fun filled year ahead.



Railroad Bridge over the Sebec River

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Keith Wingler portraying Theophilus Sargent at the 1923 Centennial Celebration.

JANUARY

Mark your calendar:

January 28th

Birthday parties with three cakes

Music by the Wildwood Band

Displays of the town's 100th anniversary in 1923

Fun things for the kids

In January, there will be a huge birthday party celebrating Milo's incorporation as a town and also the 100th birthdays of the Town Hall and the Milo Public Library. The celebration will be held at our beloved Town Hall.

The first family to settle in Milo were the Ben Sargents, who came from Massachusettes. Their story of setting down roots near the Piscataquis River has been documented in Elizabeth George Speare's fictional novel, "Sign of the Beaver", an award-winning children's book. You will hear more about this book and the story it tells about the beginnings of our town in the year ahead.

The party starts at 2:00 PM in the Town Hall dining room with games and cake. Upstairs, speakers will begin at 6:00 PM and the band will play from 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM.





Milo Town Hall



Milo Public Library

Trivia: In what year was the Town Hall completed and what other name did it almost get?

(Answers to trivia questions will be found in the book, "Milo Moments", for sale in January)

FEBRUARY

Mark your calendar:

February 18th, Chili Cook-off, sponsored by Maine Savings FCU

In 1961, a little credit union called Barco was started to support the employees of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad. In 2001, it evolved into Maine Savings Federal Credit Union, which serves Maine communities from Portland to Milo. Our Milo branch is officially branch #1 and it has been our pleasure to serve the financial needs of our community for decades. Now the Milo, Maine Savings branch wants to fire up your February! We are sponsoring a chili cook-off February 18th to give our local chili masters a chance to spice up the bicentennial celebration. Contestants can choose to make either traditional, white or vegetarian chili with a prize for the best in each category, as voted by our community. Join us at the Town Hall for a taste of the talents of the town.



Trivia: Initially, what was Derby called and who changed its name to Derby?

MARCH

Mark your calendar:

March 18th

Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by the Park Street Methodist Church, the United Baptist Church and St. Francis and St. Paul Catholic Church.

On March 18th, the churches are planning a combined public pancake breakfast to commemorate Milo's Two Hundredth Celebration, to be held at the United Baptist Church, 7 AM - 10 AM. In 1823 there were no churches in Milo. Milo has had as many as seven denominations represented over the years. Because of dwindling numbers, a few denominations have left the town, and this year the town welcomed the Charleston Church Three Rivers.

The churches are the Park Street Methodist Church, the United Baptist Church, St. Paul Catholic Church, Jehovah's Witnesses, the Apostle Church and the Charleston Church Three Rivers.







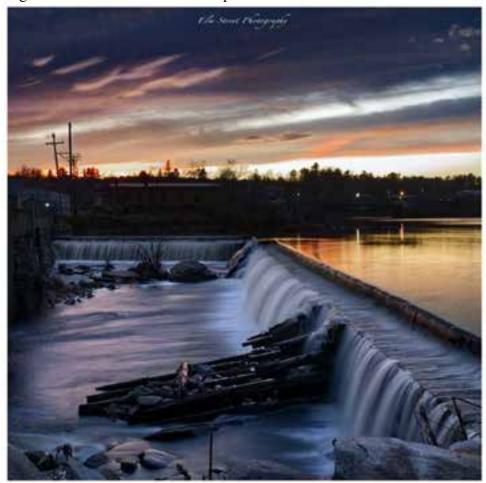
Trivia: Which famous philanthropist donated funds to help build the Milo Library?

APRIL

Mark your calendar:

Kiwanis Scavenger Hunt and Trivia

Milo Bicentennial Scavenger Hunt and Trivia! Come join the fun and try to win a prize! Points will be given for finding and presenting a picture on your device (cell phone, tablet, etc.) of the historic points in the hunt. Then additional points can be accrued by answering some locally chosen trivia questions. High scores win! Hope to see you at the Kiwanis Building on 15 Harris Pond Road on April 15th!



Trafton Falls on the Sebec River - Elm Street Photography

Trivia: What athletic arena once stood where sections of the Park Street solar farm are today?



Mark your calendar:

Saturday, May 13th Three Rivers Kiwanis Annual Canoe Race Charleston Church Three Rivers Pig Roast

Calling all racing and recreational kayaks and canoes!

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*Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

*Start: Gather at Sebec Village below the dam

*End: Veterans Park, Milo

*Donuts and coffee available at the start

*\$20.00 Adults - \$15.00 Age 15 and under

*Fee gets you a Canoe Race t-shirt, and sandwiches, beverages, and desserts after the race

*Medals for first, second and third place winners in each category

*Proceeds benefit Kiwanis Programs for children

*Contact Bobby at 279-0481 or Nancy at 643-3677

Charleston Church is in its 100th year of operation. In 2021 Senior Pastors Matthew and Darcy Ward led the church in establishing their Three Rivers campus in Milo, Maine. Under Campus Pastors Jake and Alisha Ruby, Charleston Church Three Rivers exists to help people find hope, get direction and make a difference. Charleston Church Three Rivers is hosting a Pig Roast at our Elm Street Campus on May 13th. We welcome all to join in the fun.





Trivia: In the Evergreen Cemetery, how did Milo initially honor its 14 men killed in WWII?

JUNE

Mark your calendar:

Black Fly Festival Chicken BBQ at the American Legion Parade, Vendors, 20-piece band - Star City Syndicate, Fireworks Play - "Sign of the Beaver - Revisited"

The Black Fly Festival will return on June 3rd. It will start with a parade down Main Street and there will be many fun events and vendors on the waterfront. The American Legion will sponsor a chicken BBQ at lunch time, and they will have fun activities for the children to do.

The Star City Syndicate, a 20-piece band, will perform at the waterfront in the late afternoon and there will be a fireworks display at dusk.

We are asking area businesses and organizations to participate by entering a float in the parade, celebrating Milo's history.

On June 17th at 2 PM, Stephanie Gillis and area students will present "Sign of the Beaver, Revisited", at the Town Hall. Gillis has adapted the novel for the stage. It tells the story of Milo's first settlers, the Benjamin Sargent family.



Doll Carriage Parade around 1953

2022 Black Fly Festival Parade



Trivia: What were Milo High School's colors and mascot?

JULY

Mark your calendar:

8th Annual Art-Artisan Show Center Theatre Drama Club

The Milo Historical Society hosts the Milo Art-Artisan Show to share art created locally. The art show began when a local art group decided to exhibit works done in their weekly art group. Since then, each show has brought together an increased number of participants, attendees and work done by students in MSAD 41. Local artists also exhibit their art at the Milo Public Library, which serves as a public outreach for adults and children alike. Beginning in 2023, this popular event will be open to artisans, as well as artists. We look forward to seeing you there on July 30th.

Center Theatre Drama Club will present a play by area summer theater students on July 30th at the Milo Town Hall at 6:30 PM.



Trivia: Which Milo manufacturing plant produced 3,750,000,000 products in 75 years of operation?

AUGUST

Mark your calendar:

Civil War Monument Rededication, Civil War Re-enactors Civil War historical presentation by Diane Smith Cemetery tour

Bean Hole Bean Meal, sponsored by Masonic Organizations

On August 12th, the Milo Bicentennial Committee is proud to present an historical day, featuring the above events and honoring Milo's Civil War soldiers. The activities will take place at the Evergreen Cemetery on Park Street.

Civil War Monument in it's original place in the Evergreen Cemetery.

It will be a fun day, starting in the morning with Diane Smith's presentation of Civil War historical facts at the Town Hall. Following that, in the afternoon there will be a rededication of the Civil War Monument, a re-enactment by a Civil War group and a cemetery tour. The day will end with a Bean Hole Bean dinner, sponsored by Masonic organizations.

Civil War Monument's new placement in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Trivia: Who was the first non-Native American child born in Milo's township?

SEPTEMBER

Mark your calendar:

September 16th - Car Show - Kiwanis Fire Equipment Display

Three Rivers Kiwanis Milo-Brownville

Our club was founded in 1991 with 12 charter members. It has grown over the years with over 50 members enrolled. We are chartered by Kiwanis International which is a global organization of volunters dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. Over the years, we have met at various locations, but in 2012, the Harrigans built and donated the Kiwanis Hall that we know today. In the next couple of years, the Harrigans expanded the campus to include the Harrigan Learning Center and Museum, the Milo and North Visitor Center and a storage garage.

Some of the programs that we run throughout the year are the Sebec River Canoe Race, Hooked on Fishing, Annual Auction and Yard Sale, a Cruise-In, Hunters Breakfast, Veterans Day Dinner and our Secret Santa Project which provides clothing and toys to around 100 kids every year. We also give financial support to other local programs, like Reading is Fundamental which inspires children to read, libraries, fire departments, various camps, Boy/Cub Scouts, YMCA/Milo After School Program, various swim pro grams and many, many more. We also sponsor two youth programs, Key Club in the High School and Builders Club in the Middle School.

We couldn't do all that we do without the generous support of the communities. Our largest donor is JSI, which helps fill our income budget throughout the year. If you are interested in joining us in our mission, please speak to anyone helping run these functions or call Nancy Harrigan at 207-943-3677 or follow us on Meta Platform (Facebook).



Parade in Milo in the 1940's

Trivia: In what year was much of Milo's Main Street businesses destroyed by fire?

OCTOBER

Mark your calendar:

Bissell Brothers Oktoberfest Ghost Stories Kiwanis Hunters Breakfast Trunk or Treat

October will be a busy month starting with Oktoberfest at Bissell Brothers Brewing Three Rivers on October 7th, Elm Street.

On October 27th, at the Historical Society Museum, Victoria Eastman, Regina Welling and Erin Austin will regale us with "Ghosts, Witches, and Mysteries, Oh My!" Not to be missed!

The Kiwanis Hunters Breakfast will be on October 28th at the Kiwanis Building on outer Park Street.

Penquis Valley High School Student Council will host Trunk or Treat close to Halloween.







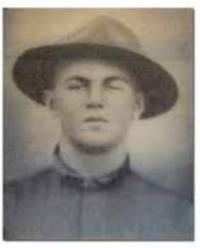
Trivia: Which three rivers flow through Milo's township?

NOVEMBER

Mark your calendar:

Honor Milo's Veterans Veterans Day Dinner

Joseph P. Chaisson was the first hometown soldier killed in action during WWI, February 24, 1918 serving with Company F, 103rd, 26 Division, during combat actions in France. Joseph paid the ultimate price and we continue to honor his service and sacrifice. The American Legion Post 41 was named in his honor and his picture is proudly displayed on the Post's wall. Every Memorial Day, a special flower bouquet is placed on his grave site in the Milo Evergreen Cemetery.



January 14, 1937, the Boston Excelsior Company deeded the land and building to the American Post 41. The original building had amazing woodwork, two mantel fireplaces, and a full basement. In the late 1950's a single-story addition was added. The property sits at the intersection of West Main Street and Riverside Street.



WW1 Homecoming

Trivia: Who was Milo's only casualty in the Korean War?



On August 24, 1942, American Legion Home Post was dedicated. Pictured from left to right are Commander Ward Scripture, and officers and post members Harold Owen, Raymond Orff, Arthur Ellis, Rodney (Red) Perry, Albert Cyr, Harvey Moran, Walter Day, Bill Stubbs, Oscar Heal, Morris Sleeper, Leon Smith, and Neil Daggett.







Founded on November 10, 1919, the American Legion Auxiliary is the second oldest member of the Legion family of units and the most independent. It is a separate organization with their own legal and corporate identity. Every spring the Auxiliary promotes the red poppy as a symbol of the sacrifices our military has made. This symbol opens people's hearts and inspires them to donate to this important fundraising program.

Veterans Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023 Please join us in honoring those who gave all and are not forgotten as we conduct one of the most sacred events, the POW/MIA ceremony, followed by a dinner hosted by the Kiwanis and American Legion Auxiliary. (Location and time TBD)



DECEMBER

Mark your calendar:

Hometown Holidays Christmas Parade with Santa Holiday Dance with a live band

Milo's celebrations of its bicentennial year are coming to an end. The Milo Historical Society hopes residents had a wonderful time participating in the amazing activities and enjoyed learning information about Milo's two hundred years of history. It was great seeing Milo's residents come together for the community's special anniversary as a friendly town of three rivers. We can hope that 100 years from now, Milo's residents have as much fun celebrating the town's tri-centennial as we did the bicentennial in 2023.

Saturday, December 3, 2023, kicks of our Hometown Holidays with a lighted parade down Park Street and food and fun with Santa at the Town Hall after the parade.

Saturday, December 23rd is our Holiday Dance. This dance is for adults and will be held at the Town Hall, with a live band and a DJ! The dance is sponsored by Bob Ade and his business, Pat's Pizza.



Mike Mulherin and Jane Henderson visit with Santa at the old train station in December, 1951.



Banquet of newlyweds and Golden Anniversary couples at the Milo Town Hall on December 17, 1927.

Trivia: Who gets credit for giving Milo its name?

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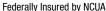


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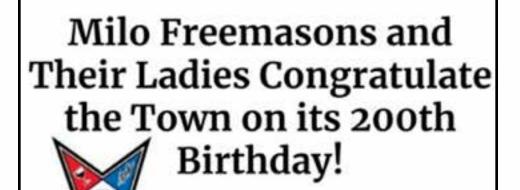
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Town of Milo on your 200th anniversary

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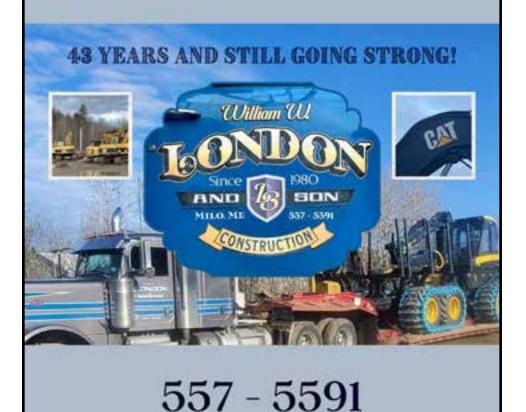
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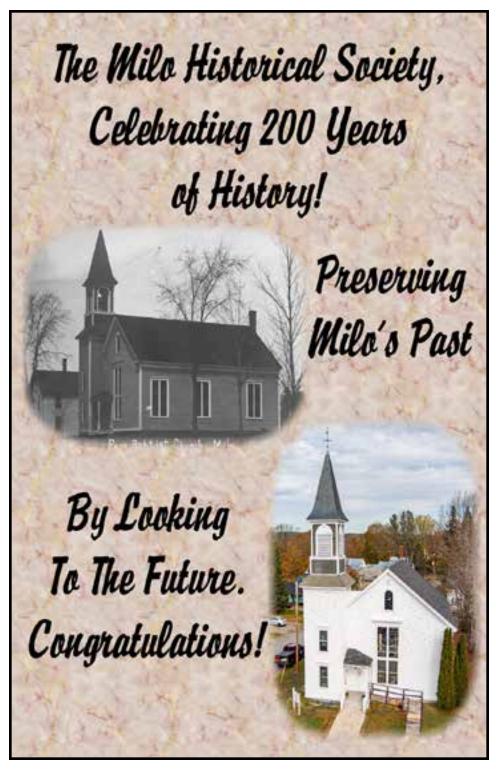
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Milo Garden Club

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Home of the Bears
We were "born" in 1987 and currently
have 85 students in third and fourth grade.
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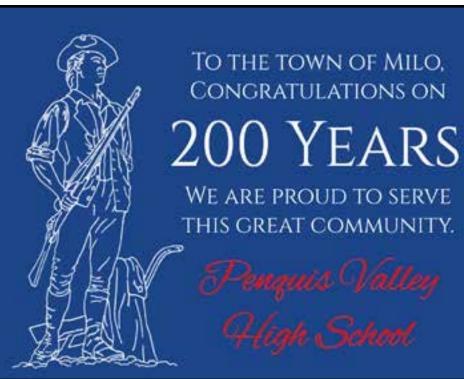


Happy 200th Birthday Milo!

Milo Elementary school, home of the Bobcats, would like to formally congratulate the town of Milo on their two hundredth anniversary. Established in 1955, our school resides and is proud to call Milo part of our community. We currently have one hundred and fifty eight pre-k thru second grade students. The residents of Milo are extremely supportive of our school, children, and staff. Congratulations to the Town of Milo, we celebrate alongside you!



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Milo Junction

Early years of

the Derby

Shops

Christmas in the 40's





Railroad Depot in Milo







Junuary 28
Town Hall
Kick Off
Milo 200th
Birthday
Celebration!!!

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Games & Cake @ 2:00 Program upstairs @ 6 Music 7-11 pm

February 18 Milo Town Hall

Chili Cook Off Sponsored by Maine Savings Credit Union

March 18th Pancake Breakfast **Baptist Church** 7-10 am Ecumenical

Event: Baptist, Methodist &

Chatholic

Community Scavenger Hunt: Sponsored and Organized by the Three Rivers **KIWANIS**

April 15

May 13 Three Rivers **KIWANIS** Canoe Race

Charleston Church Pig Roast

May 29 **Memorial Day** Parade

June 3 Black Fly

Festival Thème: Milo 200th Parade, Vendors,

Community Wide Activities. Concert & Fireworks!

June 17

Stephanie Gillis's Program: Sign Of The

July 29 Milo Art-Artisan Show

Churches

Center Theater Drama Camp and performance

July 8 Milo High School Alumni Banquet

August 12 Civil War

Monument Rededication and Civil War

Reenactment. August 3 Milo Garden Club

August 18 KIWANIS Auction

Fair

September 16 **KIWANIS** Cruise-In &

Parade,

Car Parade

1 pm

10 am to 1 pm

October 7 Bissell Brothers Oktoberfest

Beaver Revisited

Penguis Valley HS Craft Fair

October 27 Witches, Ghosts & Mysteries! Oh My! Victoria Eastman and Friends

October 28 KIWANIS Hunter's Breakfast

November 11

Honoring Milo's Veterans: KIWANIS and **American Legion** Ceremony

December 2

Hometown Holidays: Lighted Parade, Food and Fun with Santa

December 23 Wrap-up

Celebration, Milo Town Hall