



# Three Rivers News



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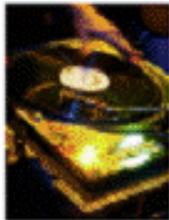
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## **The Rock 'N' Roll at the Fantastic Fun Friday Night Variety Show**



**Featuring:**

**The Notables  
Heartwise**



**PVHS Key Club Chorus**

**Milo Elementary**

**Children's Chorus & More**

**Quilt Raffle ~ Silent Auction ~ Refreshments**

**Date: Friday, May 4th**

**Place: Milo Town Art Center**

**6 Pleasant St., Milo**

**Time: 7 P.M.**



**Tickets:**

**\$6 - Adult**

**\$4 - 12 & Under**

**\$20 Per Family**

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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 ALL SCRAPBOOKERS

National Scrapbooking Day Crop  
Saturday, May 5, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Contact: The Milo Rec.  
Dept at 943-7326 or Theresa McMannus at 943-8862  
Where: Milo Town Hall Cost: \$15.00

All proceeds benefit the Milo Recreation Department

**THE THREE RIVERS KIWANIS OF MILO/  
BROWNVILLE ANNUAL AUCTION IS LESS THAN  
TWO MONTHS AWAY. PLEASE CALL BOBBY  
ELLISON AT 943-2317 OR JOE ZAMBONI AT 943-  
2271 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION  
AND NEED IT PICKED UP.  
THANK YOU!**

*The Milo Garden Club invites its members  
and their guests to its annual  
"Tea" to be held at Pleasant Park on  
Tuesday, May 8, at 1 p.m.*

*The Milo Historical Society has a wood counter painted white and stainless steel sink for sale. The counter is 5 feet long, 22 ½ inches deep and 29 inches high. It has a one piece counter top. The stainless steel sink, with faucets, is on one end and is 17 inches by 16 ¾ inches. The sink is 6 inches deep. There are three cabinets, one under the sink and two that have a built-in shelf. The counter and sink were installed before the society purchased the building. The society is asking \$50 for it. If you are interested in looking at or buying the counter you may contact Gwen Bradeen (943-2369) or Virgil Valente (943-2167)*

**Brownville Jct.: Bernard Jones Post #92 American Legion has changed the May meeting from the last Thursday of the month to Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 pm. At the meeting election of officers for the coming year will be held and all members present will be able to cast their votes.**

### AMERICAN LEGION JUNIOR AUXILIARY ELECTS STATE OFFICERS FOR 2007-08



**Photo; National President JoAnn Cronin presenting Dept. of Maine Junior President Taylor Lovejoy with the Junior gavel**

The American Legion Junior Auxiliary Convention for the Department of Maine was held Saturday, April 7 at the Alfred W. Maxwell Post #40 in Winthrop, Maine. The girls worked on their "Pocket Flag Project" for the first hour of convention. Flags have to be folded properly to fit into 3" x 3" bags with a card that says, "A flag for your pocket so you can always carry a little piece of home. We are praying for you and we are proud of you. Thank you for defending our country and our freedom."

As soon as all the flags are ready (we have 300 of them) they will be sent overseas for those serving our country. After a short break, the Juniors and those attending gathered for the Department meeting of the Junior Auxiliary. Honorary Junior President Amelia Butman (Unit #94, Greenville, ME, began by introducing the dignitaries attending the convention. National President JoAnn Cronin, Eastern Division Committee Chairwoman Rani Gile (Vermont), Dept. of Maine Auxiliary President Marlene Angers (Fairfield, Me), Dept. of Maine Legion Commander Don Simoneau (Fayette, Me.), National Executive Committeewoman, Nicky Weatherby (Rockland, Me), Dept. of Maine Vice President, Kitty Wing (Bath, Me), Dept of Maine Secretary, Jacqueline Raye

(Union, Me) and Dept of Maine Junior Activities Chairwoman, Jody Cushman (Searsmont, Me). The meeting was then called to order by the Junior President.

Color Guards were Taylor and Micki Lovejoy (Brownville Jct.) A business meeting was conducted. Following the business meeting nominations were taken from the floor for the State Officers for 2007-08. Officers elected are: Honorary Junior President: Taylor Lovejoy-Brownville Jct, Honorary First Vice President: Allison Durant-Brownville Jct, Honorary Second Vice President: Vanessa Hastings-Greenwood, Honorary Secretary: Micki Lovejoy-Brownville Jct, Honorary Treasurer: Rachel Worster-Brownville, Honorary Chaplain: Alyssa Murano-LaGrange, Honorary Sgt-At-Arms: Amber Willinski-Brownville and Honorary Historian: Michaela Weston-Brownville Jct.

The new officers were installed by National American Legion Auxiliary President JoAnn Cronin assisted by Dept of Maine President Marlene Angers. The National President presented President Taylor Lovejoy with the Junior gavel and outgoing Junior

President Amelia Butman pinned her with the Junior presidents pin.

Lunch was hosted by the Post #40 American Legion Auxiliary.

The Senior Advisors for the Junior Auxiliary in Brownville Jct. are very proud of all the girls have accomplished this year with the Veterans and community service projects. We know that they will do an excellent job as officers for the State of Maine this year.



**National President JoAnn Cronin with (l-r) Amber Willinski, Alyssa Murano, Michaela Weston, Micki Lovejoy, Vanessa Hastings, Allison Durant and Taylor Lovejoy**

**To the Editors**  
Outgoing American Legion Post #41 Commander Randy Kluj is to be commended for the multiplicity of his efforts of which we have been the beneficiaries. Under Commander Kluj's leadership and his able assistants Post 41 has been very vibrant, visible and dynamic.  
Thank You, Commander Kluj.  
Sincerely, Bill Sawtell---- 26 years a member

### **AUCTION AND YARD SALE**

The LaGrange Fire Department and the LaGrange Veteran's Memorial will be having their annual Auction & Yard Sale on May 5, 2007. The doors open at 9 a.m. with the auction starting at 10. There will be a hot dog and hamburger lunch for sale along with the LaGrange Fire hats, t-shirts, and a 50/50 raffle. The LaGrange PTO will be having a bake sale and t-shirt/sweatshirt sale plus raffle tickets for a Mother's Day gift basket of which the proceeds go towards the playground fund.

These events will be held at the LaGrange Fire Department on the Bennoch Road in LaGrange.

If you have any questions concerning the auction please call Jen Baker at 943-2402 or Marlene Stanley at 943-2564. Please contact Jen Stone at 943-0928 with questions about the PTO bake sale.

Come join the fun and support your community. There are many new and used items for sale! Many thanks to all the area businesses that support our auction every year!

### **LITTLE MISS & MISS LAGRANGE PAGEANT**



*The LaGrange Fire Department and the LaGrange Veteran's Memorial will be hosting the FIRST Annual Little Miss and Miss LaGrange Pageant on June 9, 2007. The event will be held at the Masonic Hall in LaGrange at 1 p.m. Admission will be \$2 for 16 and older and \$1 for 15 and under.*

*There will be two age groups: Little Miss – Grade 5 and under and Miss LaGrange – Grade 6 and above. All area girls are invited to participate.*

*Each contestant must complete a Volunteer Service of their choice by June 2, 2007. There will also be a talent and evening gown competition.*

*A completed registration form, photo, short paragraph about the contestant, and \$10 registration fee, which must be returned to Jen Baker by May 19, 2007. The pictures and descriptions will be used in a booklet that will be available for \$2 on the day of the pageant.*

*All contestants will be invited to ride on a Pageant Float in the LaGrange Day's Parade. The winners in each category will be the Grand Marshals in the LaGrange Day's Parade on July 14<sup>th</sup>.*

*We will be selling hot dogs and refreshments along with a 50/50 raffle. The LaGrange PTO will have a bake sale.*

*If you have any questions or would like a registration form please contact Jen Baker at 943-2402 or [jrbaker@surfmk.com](mailto:jrbaker@surfmk.com).*

*A special thank you to the Milo Flower Shop and Sandra Haley for donating all the flowers.*



## COOK SCHOOL NEWS

Sonny Hayes, Ethan Neal and Codie Donlan were honored as Terrific Kids.

Miss Brown reported that Sonny did a great job this week with all of his jobs. He did exceptionally well on an end-of-the-year math assessment. He has been a great friend and he has tried hard to focus on his work and continue working until it is done, regardless of what others in the classroom are doing. He has remembered to walk in the halls and the classroom, and follow other rules as well. He has been working hard on writing and has been doing a great job stretching words and applying letters to the sounds heard. Keep up the good work!

Mrs. Carter said that Ethan Neal has had a terrific week. He has a super attitude. Ethan always tries his hardest, even when things are hard for him. He participates in class and always has wonderful things to share. Ethan works really hard with his parents at home on his homework. If he has to be out of the room with another teacher, Ethan works especially hard to make up any work that he misses. Great job Ethan!

Miss K. happily announced that Codie Donlon is her Terrific Kid this week. Codie has worked hard to follow class and school rules every day. He is an excellent reader and an outstanding Science student. He completed his in-class assignments and his homework and his Dad signed his Planner each evening.

Congratulations Codie.

Bus Kids: Jordan, Kendra, Harmony

Artists of the Week: Sha-Lynn, Cameron

Birthdays: Shalene (11), Lindsay (11)

Move and Improve Prize Winners (3 weeks): Sonny, Miss K., Bridgette, Mrs. Carter, Sonny, Miss Laurie, Melanie, Jacob, Rebecca, KyLee, Harmony, Rebecca, Rachael, Haley, Jacob, Haley, Harmony, Edward

Sha-Lynn Trafton presented a special certificate to Mrs. Laurie Lumunyon for lifting her up when she feels down.

Caught Being Good Bags: Jacob, Bridgette, Cassidy, Kortnie, Jordan

Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.

**Cook School Spring Dance.**  
**May 4 from 6-8 PM Cost \$2**  
**Parents are encouraged to**  
**attend with their children.**



Kathy Witham was honored at Brownville Elementary last week. Mrs. Witham has been the school secretary at the school since it opened and prior to that worked at the old school. She retired on April 13. All of the classes K-6 did something special for her as well as two parents who made her a special quilt. The party concluded with ice cream sundaes and a time for children to say personal good byes. The staff and students will miss Mrs. Witham but expect her to visit often.

**Coach Larlee & Weston smiling after their 1st win of the year against Orono 7-5**



Mrs. Thompson's 5th grade at Brownville Elementary dissected squid this week. The class found it all a little stinky but very interesting. When they were finished, Mrs. Thompson cooked some up and they got a taste of



calamari!

# Global Event!

Milo Elementary School will participate in a global event on May 2. Project ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) will take place at our school at 10:00 as a gesture of fitness and unity that shows the world that our young people do not fit into the negative stereotype of being "physically unfit". The month of May is also National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. During Project ACES, First Grade teacher Marie Hayes has coordinated activities for our grade K-6 students. Milo Elementary students and staff have also been participating in Move and Improve activities where those who participate keep diaries of their physical activities. Think of us at Milo Elementary School on May 2 at 10:00 while we exercise simultaneously with students throughout Maine and the world.

## Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Where to start this column today! Should I start with new books or with the Kiwanis Kids Korner? Well, the spring session of the Kiwanis Kids Korner started up this past week on Wednesday, April 25. There were 15 children who attended from grades K-2. While Val read several poems from Robert Pottle's book *I'm Allergic to School*, the children enjoyed a snack of crackers with peanut butter or cheese with juice. Val had adult help with Frank Cochran and Natalie McClenning. Key Club representatives were Nicole Carey, Josh Clement and Katie Patten. Josh and Frank also walked the children down from school. After the story time the group divided. Some came upstairs to the library to borrow books, while the others worked on their craft, and then later the two groups exchanged areas. The craft was making pine cone bird feeders by spreading peanut butter on large pine cones and then rolling the cones in bird seed. When the Kids finished this project, they hung some pine cones on the bushes around the library and took some home. It was fun to have the Kiwanis Kids back with us again.

I mentioned Robert Pottle's book *I'm Allergic to School*. Remember I mentioned in a couple of columns back that I had purchased books by Robert Pottle for the library at the McKusick school some weeks ago, but as they were to be signed later that day, we had not received them yet. Well, we have them now. Val read several poems from the above book and said the Kids found them very funny. The other books I purchased for the library included *Dinner with Dracula*. This book features frighteningly funny poems by a variety of authors of which both Robert Pottle and Jack Prelutsky are featured. I also purchased *If Kids Ruled the School*-more kids' favorite funny school poems. Again, many authors contributed poems. Several of the authors are Robert Pottle, Jack Prelutsky and Judith Viorst. A fourth book is *MAINE-the Way Wildlife Should Be*. This book only by Mr. Pottle contains humorous poems about Maine wildlife. With every poem real facts about the Maine animal are included. There are poems about raccoons, loons, lobsters, beavers, puffins, porcupines, peepers, bears, clams, gulls, skunks, black flies, herons, chickadees and, of course, the Maine moose. Robert Pottle is a real Maine poet in that he was born in Eastport, now lives in Eastbrook and writes about Maine.

We have also received a set of three reference books from Salem Press. The set is *Notable Natural Disasters*. The following are the overview subjects, but each overview is divided up into many individual disasters. These books are so

recent that disasters in February 2007 are included. These books have information on avalanches, blizzards, droughts, dust storms, earthquakes, epidemics, explosions, famines, fires, floods, fog, heat waves, hurricanes, typhoons, ice bergs, landslides, lightning strikes, meteorites, smog, tornadoes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and wind gusts. If you need information on a specific natural disaster, you should find it in one of the books.

This past week Frank Cochran attended the talk given by Bill Irwin in Milo. Bill Irwin was a blind man who traveled the whole of the Appalachian Trail in 1990 with his Seeing Eye dog, Orient. Frank said it was a marvelous talk, and he bought and donated two books to our library. The two books he donated were *Blind Courage* by Bill Irwin, the story about the trek, and the picture book *Orient* by Tom McMahon. This latter is the story of Bill's Seeing Eye dog and the Appalachian Trail trip from his point of view. Frank, thank you for these inspiring gifts to our library.

### Library Winter Hours

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

Saturday 2:00-4:00

Telephone 943-2612

## TRCMaine State of the Website Report

It has been 3 years since the last Director's Report has been published, and I know you've been waiting with bated breath for the latest news from TRC, so that is why I give to you the Webmaster's Report of 2004 to 2007.

First a little background about myself. I'm Michael Phillips and am originally from Milo. I helped start this project in 1996 when I was a student at Penquis Valley High School. The project then became stale for awhile, until Seth Barden brought it back to life in 1999 and became the Director and Webmaster of TRC. I rejoined the TRC Team in 2005 as a Resource Advisor and have since taken over the Webmaster duties.

Three years ago this month we released TRC version 3.0 and we have been improving on that since. While the general layout has not changed since the redesign, we have added many features!

Since the 2004 report we have added the Milo Webcam and the Bulletin Board for the Alumni Associations. In 2005 the *Three Rivers News* was given its own website ([news.trcmaine.org](http://news.trcmaine.org)). In 2006 it was redesigned and the TRN is now available in Adobe Acrobat format, making publishing much easier to upload to our servers and giving options for downloading the weekly paper directly from the website or via an RSS feed. There have been approximately 3500 visitors each month since the TRN website launched.

In 2006 we launched Connections ([www.trcmaine.org/connections](http://www.trcmaine.org/connections)), an area of our website where folks can post free classified ads. Although there have been an average of 800 views a month, there has been limited use of this service. We are hoping that more people will take advantage of the freeness of the classified ads. We are hoping in the future to have ads appear in the Three Rivers News as well as online.

We now have a section of our website dedicated to honoring loved ones who have passed on. "In Memoriam" was launched in 2006 as part of Local News & Highlights. The TRC Government section has grown to include the latest news from our Senators, House of Representatives and also a live news feed direct from the Governor's office. TRC has partnered with the Boston Globe to bring you live news feeds of stories happening in and affecting the state of Maine. We have also just released our first Widget for the Mac and are in the stages of developing a Widget for Windows Vista users. We always welcome ideas of how to improve our services.

TRC became a member of the Southern Piscataquis County Chamber of Commerce in 2005 and have been at every SPCCC Expo since. At this past year's expo, we had two webcams setup, and the expo-cam was well received by all. For the past two

years we gave out an excellent array of door prizes, all donated by Izzy Warren and Val Robertson.

In 2005 we moved our servers to HostM. Since then our traffic (of [www.trcmaine.org](http://www.trcmaine.org), not including sub domains) has increased and we have had to change our servers to Dreamhost. In 2006 we had about 75,970 unique visitors that used 125 Gigabytes of bandwidth. In the first quarter of 2007 we have already seen a 172% increase of bandwidth, bringing our usage so far this year to about 85 Gigabytes. We continue to thank you (and Google) for our continued success!

We have a great group of volunteers from all over Maine that help make this website possible. Without the dedication of our members, this project would cease to exist. I would like to thank everyone for all their time and effort they put into this project to bring you the latest and greatest information about our community. As always, we are looking for more volunteers to help fill many vacancies. If you are interested, please contact us at [info@trcmaine.org](mailto:info@trcmaine.org)

-Michael Paul Phillips  
Three Rivers Community Alliance Webmaster  
April 27, 2007

**Editor's note: Mike and his able group are to be commended for all of the GREAT work they do promoting our area. The TRC site is current, informative and extremely helpful in drawing people from "away". Every time I read the Guest Book I see posts from grateful people thanking TRC for all they do. The Web Cam (thank you Fred Trask!) is so popular that if it is down for just a short time there are dozens of queries why.**

**And of course, a special thanks for providing the Three Rivers News space to post the weekly newsletter. Over 300 people read it online each week. What a great service! Valerie**

before going home. We would like to thank the Post Adjutant, Phillip Flagg, for helping us distribute the pillows as well.

EARTH DAY 2007



Crystal and Virginia Macomber of Sebec. On Earth Day,, the girls did a clean up at the new turn-out along the Piscataquis River. This location is the area's new geocache.

What is Geocaching? Geocaching is an entertaining adventure game for gps users. Participating in a cache hunt is a good way to take advantage of the wonderful features and capability of a gps unit. The basic idea is to have individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. All the visitor is asked to do is if they get something they should try to leave something for the cache.

<http://www.geocaching.com>

Geocaching Location:

[http://www.geocaching.com/seek/cache\\_details.aspx?guid=71e72c97-ee36-45c5-b1f9-211a377a8203](http://www.geocaching.com/seek/cache_details.aspx?guid=71e72c97-ee36-45c5-b1f9-211a377a8203)

The Milo girls who meet monthly chose this month to "Brunch" at Elaine's Cafe in Milo: There were 12 ladies in attendance as shown in the photo: Kathy Witham ,



Front row: Micki Lovejoy, Danielle Roberts (friend of the Juniors), Amber Willinski, Angelina Roberts, Alyssa Murano, Lauren Worster. Back row: Rachel Worster, Willy, Taylor Lovejoy, Hayley Durant, Allison Durant, Michaela Weston

### Junior Auxiliary Visits Maine Veterans Home

On Friday, April 20, the American Legion Junior Auxiliary in Brownville Junction visited the Maine Veterans Home in Bangor to distribute handmade military pillows. With the assistance of the Asst. Activities Director, Willy, the girls distributed 45 pillows.

The pillows were put in each of the sitting areas on the units at the home. Many of the residents expressed their gratitude.

Following the visit to the Veterans Home the girls went to McDonalds for lunch and to spend time in the play area



Joan DeWitt, Theda Cowing, Ramona Hamlin, Marilyn Doble, Edna Smart, Vesta LeBretton, Caroline (Aunt Kay) Stanchfield, Lois Leckey, Jean Perkins, Carol/Charlene Landers:( Karen Clark and Myrna Ricker are not shown:)

The Milo girls meet at area restaurants on the last Thursday of each month excluding July and August. Anyone interested is welcome to join them as long as you

can be considered a "Milo Girl." Contact any of these ladies or Iris Buzzell for their next meeting time and date.



### CHOIRS MEET AND SING

The rafters of the United Baptist church were swinging Sunday night, April 22<sup>nd</sup> when in front of a packed house, 8 individual choirs sang. Individually, then as one, the choirs



sang hymns that had folks from toddlers to 80+ seniors swaying and "jumping" in rhythm while listening to praise and Worship!

Through a combined effort under the leadership of Merna Dunham and Sara Richards, the festival, which included a full afternoon of rehearsals, a supper to feed the participants and the actual choir festival beginning at 7 pm, was a smashing success!

Many thanks to all who participated and helped with this event, including the youth group from the UB Church who were on hand to pick up afterwards.

Choirs participating were: Park Street United Methodist Church, Milo; United Baptist Church, Milo;



Corinth United Methodist Church; Dover-Foxcroft United Methodist Church; Crossroads Chorale; Brownville Jct. United Methodist Church; Ripley Methodist Church; and Coastal Community Church.

*At 3 minutes and 4 seconds after 2pm on May 6 of this year the time and date will be:*

*02:03:04 05/06/07*

*This will never happen again in our lifetimes. Cool, huh?*

### Spring Cleaning? Don't throw out your unwanted items. Donate them to the PETS yard sale!

PETS is a local, non-profit animal welfare organization. In 2006, this small group of dedicated volunteers helped over 600 animals in the area to lead better lives. If PETS had not offered assistance, most of these animals would have either been euthanized or ended up reproducing and adding to the huge pet overpopulation problem here in Maine and nationwide.

PETS offers a reduced-cost spay/neuter program along with other programs to assist both stray and owned animals. PETS also does animal rescue work and comes to the aid of many abandoned, neglected and abused creatures throughout the area. Though the majority are from Central Maine, animals receiving help come from all around the state. Already in 2007, over 140 animals have been helped by PETS, so this year is looking to be another busy one.

Unfortunately, there are never enough funds, hours in a day or good homes to go around, so PETS is calling on the public to get involved. These are things you can do to help PETS continue their work with needy animals in your area:

- 1) Donate. Give yard sale items, hand crafted creations, baked goods, new items; anything you can think of to help them raise funds at their sales. Cash donations are welcome, too, leaving the members more time for other activities.
- 2) Have your own pets spayed and neutered. Be a responsible pet owner.
- 3) Volunteer your time or your special talents to help PETS with their many activities.
- 4) Adopt a shelter or rescue animal instead of buying from a breeder. Every type of animal imaginable is available and in need. The internet is a great source for statewide info on what is available and where.
- 5) Help spread the word, so that others will spay and neuter their pets, too. With thousands of unwanted animals across Central Maine being euthanized yearly, this mission can be a success only with the involvement of the public.

PETS next fundraising event, a Yard/Craft/Bake/Anything Goes Sale will be held May 11-13, 9-4, Rain or Shine, on Rt. 7 in Corinna; just follow the signs. For more info or to donate call 278-2175 or 379-2809.

A sincere "thank you" from all the animals in need here in Central Maine and from the volunteers of PETS.

### CURIOSITY NOTES

Sunny days have brought spring clothes arriving daily in our shop. Remember us when you're spring cleaning. We'll take donations and consignment items during store hours.

On May 26 a representative from Tastefully Simple will be filling our shop with the wonderful scents of tasty recipes. Samples will be available and orders may be placed in May.

After much deliberation, Victoria has decided to stay home this summer with her little boy and husband. She will continue looking for books for customers so don't hesitate to ask if she's come across the one you're looking for but haven't found.

The whole month of May will include a 50% off sale on Victoria's used books only. These are the ones marked VE inside on the first page.

What a great way to pick out your summer wardrobe and choose a good book all at the same time and place!

### GRAMMIE McCLEARY'S WEATHER FOR APRIL/MAY 1992

30-Sunny windy-60° at noon.

1-Sunny L wind-45° in the am.

2-Light rain-high wind-42° in the pm.

3-Rain Sunny-58° at noon.

4-M Cloudy-38° in the am.

5-Cloudy then P. sunny-52° at noon.

6-Sunny L wind-45° in the pm.

### Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo-Brownville



A full house packed The Restaurant at the weekly meeting of Three Rivers Kiwanis on April 25. Along with fourteen Kiwanians, there was one Penquis Valley Key Club member, eleven Foxcroft Academy Key Club members, six members of Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, six members of Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis, and four members of Orono-Old Town Kiwanis. Guests also included Crystal Macomber and Nancy Matoulis from Dover.

Happy and sad dollars included a check from Laurel Harris in memory of Murrel for the after-school program; kudos from the Dover Key Club Advisor for the Penquis Key Club members who represented our school well at their convention; for wearing mismatched shoes to last week's meeting and that no one noticed; golf course to open next week; and for Chris Almy's Boston Marathon run.

Josh Clement, President of Penquis Key Club, announced that they are working on starting a Builders Club in the Middle School. So it looks like we will be increasing our Kiwanis Family in Milo.

Election of officers will be held in May. The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers to be voted on: President, Janet Richards; Pres.-Elect, Val Robertson; Vice-Pres., Nancy Grant; Secretary, Lois Trask; and Treasurer, Jeff Gahagan.

Auction Chairman Bob Ellison reported that he has started picking up some auction items. Storage is available and donations are welcomed. Auction is coming up in June.

JSI has informed us that they will be hosting another Golf Tournament in August to benefit Kiwanis projects. More information will be available later.

The reason for the huge crowd at our meeting was because of the speaker. Chris Almy introduced Bill Irwin. Bill, who is almost totally blind told us the story of his life

and his 2100 mile hike on the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

In 1968, Bill was a chemistry teacher who one day started losing the sight in one eye. He had surgery, was diagnosed with malignant melanoma, and then lost the sight in his other eye. He hated losing his independence and knew he had to learn to deal with accepting what had happened and regain his freedom. He battled an alcohol addiction for many years and at age 46 had been married 4 times, weighed 250 lbs, had high blood pressure, and was a "time bomb" physically, spiritually, and emotionally. At age 47, he went into rehabilitation and surrendered himself to God when he realized that God had given him the message to do it or die. Two months later, he had conquered the addiction of alcohol and cigarettes.

It was in 1990 that a message from God told him he should hike the Appalachian Trail, and on March 8<sup>th</sup>, during the biggest flood Georgia ever had, he and Orient, his seeing-eye dog, hitched a ride from Augusta, GA in search of the trail marker sign to start their trek. The driver, after 3 hours of looking for it, told Bill that if God did send you to do this, he will help you find the marker and he left Bill and Orient. They started hiking and after a while Orient turned left. Bill had no idea what direction they were headed because of the weather. For three days, he did not know where they were. After the rain subsided, he heard voices and he shouted and asked where he was and got the reply that he was on the Appalachian Trail and was headed north. They encountered wild animals and endured Hurricane Emma. Eighty-five percent of the time, he and Orient were alone. For eight and a half months, 258 days, they trekked. He thought he knew a lot about life up to this point, but the experience changed his life forever. The most important thing he learned was that if you cannot accept things the way they are, you will be miserable. Perseverance is a great character trait for achieving your goals. His shoes wore out; he suffered damage from frostbite and rocky terrain that resulted in permanent damage to his feet. Humor enabled him to endure the pain. He met up with and spent time with a group who told stories and joked with each other. Thinking of this later on made him laugh and diminished the pain.

Mr. Irwin challenged us all to laugh more. "Laughter," he said, "is free, available, legal, and pain-relieving and very good for us." Kids laugh approximately 300 times a day; adults only laugh about 10 times a day. Another philosophy he believes in is living a balanced life - survival requires love and a sense of belonging, freedom, power, faith and fun. He said someone asked him, "When do I tell my wife I love her?" His answer, "Before someone else does." Do something special and fun with your wife at least once a week, he advised. It's critical for each of you.

Mr. Irwin also brought copies of his books, which he signed and autographed for those who purchased them.

Many thanks to Bill Irwin for an inspiring and very interesting presentation.

May 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker will be Neil Hamlin speaking about Growing Old Thoughtfully.

May 9<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Cindy Brown from Child Development Services.

Lois Trask, Sec.

## IN MEMORIAM

### CECIL 'JAKE' WATERHOUSE JR.

SANGERVILLE - Cecil J. Waterhouse, Jr., 76, died April 21, 2007, at a Dover-Foxcroft hospital. He was born Aug. 30, 1930, in Milo, a son of Cecil and Marguerite (Wentworth) Waterhouse, Sr. He graduated from Milo High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a Maine State Trooper and retired as a self-employed trucker. He was a member of the Stott-Flanders Post American Legion, Sangerville. He is survived by three sons, Daniel and wife, Sharon, George, all of Sangerville and John of Dover-Foxcroft; two brothers, Gerald and wife, Rita, of Sangerville and Duayne "Buddy" and wife, Dottie, of Milo; two sisters, Olive of California and Carol of New York; three grandchildren, Jason, Karly and Jessica; two great-grandchildren, Jakob and Summer; and a friend from Sangerville, Frank. He was pre-deceased by his wife Patricia, (Campbell) Waterhouse; and a son, David. There will be no services at this time. A graveside committal service will be held later in the spring at Evergreen Cemetery, Milo. Arrangements are by Crosby & Neal, Guilford. Those who wish may sign an online guest register at [www.CrosbyNeal.com](http://www.CrosbyNeal.com)

### ANGELINA T. SNOWDALE

MEDFORD - Angelina T. Snowdale, 90, wife of the late Albion V. Snowdale, died April 22, 2007, at a Dover-Foxcroft hospital. She was born Aug. 26, 1916, in Weston, Mass., the daughter of Ernest V. and Amelia (Feroli) Benotti. She is survived by a son, David A. Snowdale and his wife, Janet, of Medford; a daughter, Sandra Easton and her husband, Nicolas, of Boxborough, Mass.; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grand-children. She was predeceased by a daughter, Virginia Ogilvie. A memorial service for the family will be held later in the spring. Arrangements are in the care of Lary Funeral Home.



## UP ON THE FARM

BY VALERIE ROBERTSON

Does the above sight fill you with fear and cause you want to turn tail and flee? Well, if you were a fox, coyote or other vermin it would certainly give you pause. That, my dear friends, is Bruce, a goose who was hanging around Lakeview until 3 summers ago when he came to live at the Robertson house. He is our resident Guard Goose, and he does a heck of a job. Before he came, we lost 6 ducks to predators; since he took up his post in our yard-O!

Now let me tell you the latest saga in the life of Bruce. Last Wednesday, around sundown, which is close to 7:30 PM this time of year in Maine, Eric (Katie's husband) Kirby and I were chatting about some of the riveting topics we seem to always come back to, such as Ben's Z-car, what's on TV that evening, and animals. I had let 3 of our dogs out, Radar, Emma Lou, and Rudy, a sweet little girl we are taking care of for a girl until she can find a rent that will allow pets. Radar and Emma came back after a few minutes, but Rudy wasn't with them. I had remarked she must have found something

interesting to explore, when I heard the guineas start their screeching and chattering, which means they had spotted something or someone that made them nervous. It amazes us that no matter how many dogs we have, the guineas can always spot the strange one. When the guineas started their alarm I said, "Here comes Rudy now", and opened the door to let her in. But it wasn't Rudy I spied, it was a fox, not twenty feet from me, with one of my white ducks butts held firmly in its mouth!!

There behind the fox was Bruce, flapping his wings and honking his most threatening honk. Unfortunately, the fox, who I think is a mama we see every spring, was more determined to serve her babies duck for dinner than she was afraid of Bruce.

Now those of you who have read my stories in the past know that I am inclined to feed my pets very well, and very often. Consequently the furry critters end up quite "fluffy". And my feathered friends end up wicked "Feathery". The white duck the fox was tugging on was holding her ground pretty well, and was even dragging the fox towards me, who my animals equate with safety. Often, when I'm in the yard, and a plane flies over, I will be suddenly surrounded with 30 or so fowl, all knowing I will protect them from the Giant Metal Hawk...and so far, none have fallen victim to any airplanes. I am a good protector (in their minds!).

This all happened in a couple of seconds, and as I realized Bruce needed help, I did what any mother would do when one of her flock was in danger...I yelled!! I think what came out was, "Hey you-get out of here!". Apparently red foxes don't understand English, because she just looked at me and came closer. Bruce was flapping and honking to no avail, so I made a decision...I would kick the fox in the head, which in my mind made perfect sense and would cause her to drop the duck, run in fear, and stay away. As I got within 10 feet of the fox, I realized I was wearing my rubber Croc sandals, and although I am usually fearless when it comes to defending my pets, I decided I needed a better plan. I looked down, spied a rock the size of a grapefruit, picked it up and chucked it towards the fox's body. I screamed "Let her go!", and by golly she did. Bruce got between the duck and the fox, and I kept running towards the fox, determined to make sure she went far away and stayed there.

Eric and Kirby had, of course, witnessed this confrontation, and Kirby scrambled to load a .22 caliber Glock pistol we keep on hand. We haven't actually ever had bullets in it, but Kirby thought we might have some, and went looking for them. I continued to chase the fox, then had a thought. I turned around and faced three dogs, sitting there watching to see what the crazy woman would do next. I scolded them with "What the heck are you guys doing? Go chase the fox!", and to my surprise, they did.

I went into the house and told Kirby I didn't want to shoot the mama fox, as her babies would end up starving. There was no worry about that, as he never did find any bullets, but I did remark I could have thrown the pistol at the fox; When movie and TV shooters ran out of bullets they always threw the pistol at their adversary-- If a thrown pistol has the potential to take out a full-grown man, imagine the damage it would do to a fox!

I checked on the white duck, and she seemed completely unfazed. I locked everyone snugly in the coop and reflected on the experience, and here, in the style of Doctor Seuss, is my summation:

*It is hard to scare a fox.  
I can not kick it with my Crocs.  
I can not hit it with a rock,  
I can not shoot it with a Glock-*



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