



Three Rivers News



<http://news.trcmaine.org/>

SPONSORED AND PUBLISHED BY THREE RIVERS KIWANIS CLUB AND THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE TO PROMOTE AND SERVE THE TOWNS OF BROWNVILLE, MILO, LAGRANGE, MEDFORD, AND ORNEVILLE

LIVE SIMPLY-LOVE GENEROUSLY CARE DEEPLY-SPEAK KINDLY
Monday, Sept 3, 2007 Volume 6 Number 43

THE PENQUIS VALLEY COMMUNITY WILL TEAM UP FOR TARA-SEPT. 8TH AND 9TH

"LINE UP FOR THE LILLYS"
WALKATHON

A BOTTLE DRIVE TO BENEFIT TARA



When: Sunday, September 9th
Where: Milo/Brownville area
(We will meet at the Penquis Valley H.S. student parking lot and divide up routes)
Time: 8:00 a.m.

For more info contact: Jill Russell-Morey 892-9339 or russellmoreyjc@yahoo.com
Kerri Russell-Wiles 965-8853 or barkinghound03@yahoo.com
Megan Russell 279-0479 or russellme@fc.husson.edu

Those who wish may drop their cans and bottles at Three Rivers Redemption and C&J's in Milo and Jeannie Brown's Redemption center in Brownville and mention "Team up for Tara."

Tara Lilly is a 1993 graduate of Penquis Valley High School, and the daughter of Bob and Marie Hayes of Milo. She is married and lives in Oakland with her husband, Ryan, and her four beautiful children under the age of six. Recently she was diagnosed with a rare neuroendocrine cancer that has spread to her liver, and her treatment option has required going to Switzerland. Donations obtained will be deposited directly into the fund at Maine Savings.

Date: September 8, 2007 (Saturday)

Place: Penquis Valley High School parking lot, Milo
(Registration will be at the Superintendent's office; parking will be up by the school.)

Registration: 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Kick-off:** 9:00 a.m.

TEAM UP FOR TARA BARBEQUE after the walkathon on Saturday, September 8, at Tom and Stephanie Gillis's house, 11:00-2:00. Bring a lawn chair... and a talent to share too, if you wish!! \$5.00 for lunch. And Ashley Shaffer and Brianne McKinley will be giving pony rides around 1:00 PM at the Gillis' for a \$2.00 donation.

The Milo Garden Club will hold its Sept. meeting at Joanne DeWitt's cottage on Schoodic Lake at 12 noon on Sept. 11. Meet at the municipal parking lot at 11:30 or call Sara Richards at 943-2068 if you need a ride. Luncheon will be served. Bring a wrapped gift for Pig-in-a-Poke auction, benefit of Tara Hayes Lilly.

KIWANIS HAS A FEW EXTRA COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDERS AND YOU MAY PURCHASE ONE BY CONTACTING SHERI CONLEY.



"SHOUT TO THE NORTH"

"SHOUT TO THE NORTH" choir from the Scarborough Community Church will hold a concert at the Brownville Jct. United Methodist Church on Friday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. They will also hold a concert in Corinth at 6:00pm on Saturday, September 15th, for those who might not be able to make the one in the Junction. Both concerts will have a love offering to help benefit their up-coming Guatemala Mission Trip. If you have never been to one of their concerts, you won't want to miss it. If you have been, you know that it is a night of wonderful singing.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Three River News is published weekly by Three Rivers Kiwanis. It is available Mondays at the General Store and More, Milo Farmer's Union, The Station Market, Graves' Service Station, Robinson's Fuel Mart, Reuben's Farmer's Market, The Restaurant, Milo Exxon, Rite Aid, Valerie Jean's, Milo True Value, and online at WWW.NEWS.TRCMAINE.ORG. Donations can be mailed to Valerie Robertson, PO Box 81, Milo, Maine 04463.

All items for the paper are sent to us; we are not reporters, and we rely on the public for our articles.

Letters to the editor, social news, school news, items of interest, or coming social events may be submitted NO LATER THAN FRIDAY NOON to the following addresses:

Valerie Robertson, PO Box 81, Milo, Maine 04463 or e-mailed to, val04463@verizon.net or call 943-2324.

Nancy Grant, 10 Belmont St. Milo, Maine 04463, e-mailed to nancy2310@roadrunner.com or call 943-5809.

Please drop suggestions and comments into a donation box or contact one of us. We welcome your ideas. Opinions are not necessarily those of the editors unless otherwise stated. The paper is written, printed, and distributed by unpaid volunteers. Donations are used to cover the expense of printing, paper and materials.

Valerie Robertson Nancy Grant Virgil Valente Kirby Robertson

HOW TO RECEIVE THE THREE RIVERS NEWS BY MAIL

We have received many inquiries from readers as to how they can get the Three Rivers News delivered to their mailbox each week. The news is available by subscription in 30-week increments. For each 30-week subscription we ask for a donation of \$25.00 to cover the cost of printing and mailing. If you would like to sign up to get the news delivered, send your name, address and a check for \$25.00 to:

Valerie Robertson
P.O. Box 81
Milo, Maine 04463

Nancy Grant
10 Belmont Street
Milo, Maine 04463

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!

RECAP OF THE 2007 PENQUIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Gerry Demers, President. Officers in attendance were: Gerry Demers, President and Seth Barden, Vice President. There were a total of 20 association members present and one guest.

The first item was to verify the changes made to the constitution and by-laws at last year's meeting. It was noted that the name of the organization was changed to: "Penquis

Valley Alumni Association" (dropping the "High School" from the name).

The next item was to set the dues amount to be paid by the annual meeting in 2008. The amount was voted on and set at \$10.00 per person (note: this year's dues are still \$5). It was also clarified that to be eligible for membership a person must have attended or worked at Penquis Valley High School or one of the lower schools that feed into the high school. This would include teachers, administrative personnel, custodians, and bus drivers.

Next, a member spoke about an "After School Program" that PVHS is trying to raise money for. The membership agreed to put this information into our newsletter to see if anyone could contribute.

One item discussed was if and how we could form some type of partnership/alliance with the Brownville Junction Alumni Association. Linda Coburn, from the BJ Alumni, spoke on this issue. There were several benefits discussed. It was made clear by those in attendance that we must be able to keep our alumni name of "Penquis Valley Alumni Association." The membership voted to have our officers meet with the BJ Alumni officers during the winter and try to work out an agreement that can be voted on at the next meeting of the full membership.

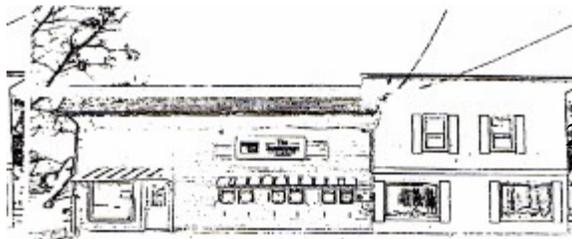
There was discussion on how to increase our membership. One suggestion was to offer new graduates the first year's membership free, and get them to sign up during the end of school. Another idea was to use "Facebook" on the web. Another idea was to create a membership application and get to as many graduates as possible to be returned by mail.

The next item was to elect officers to serve for the next year. The following were nominated:

President - Gerry Demers (class of 73)
Vice Pres - Seth Barden (class of 1998)
Secretary - Roxanne Marsh Redding (class of 1976)
Treasurer - Lynn Grinnell Gerrish (class of 1975)
Scholarship - Julie Royal (class of 1984)
Membership - Valerie Vail Robertson (class of 1973)
Past Pres - Vacant

There were no other nominations and the slate was voted in by the membership. The last item was to form a committee to plan next summer's annual meeting and activities. The following members volunteered to be on the committee, to be known as the "Activity Committee, and to plan the event: Lynn Zwicker Weston; Lorrie Woodard Gerrish; Roxanne Marsh Redding; Joe Flemming; Jeff Demers; Valerie Willett Demers; Merlene Philbrook Sanborn; Robin Demers; Kelley Woodard Carroll; Bonnie Hurley; Seth Barden. It was noted that \$125 in membership fees were collected at the meeting. This money will be given to the Treasurer to be deposited into the Association's account. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**"THE RESTAURANT" ON PARK STREET IN
MILO WOULD LIKE YOU TO COME AND
CHECK OUT OUR NEWLY ADDED DESSERT
ITEMS!!**



Beginning September 5th,

Valerie Jean's Bistro invites you to join them in sampling the tastes of the World.

The first stop is Greece... For a set price of \$30 you can enjoy an appetizer sampler of:

Spanakopita, spinach, feta, and mint wrapped in phyllo
Hummus chickpeas and tahini (sesame paste) with lemon and garlic served with toasted pita bread
Dolmados grape leaves stuffed with rice and seasonings.

Then:

Tomato Salad With cucumbers and feta cheese

And for your entrée: Chicken or Lamb Souvlakia Served over an orzo and olive salad with sautéed eggplant and tsatziki sauce

For dessert: Baklava-Phyllo dough layered with almonds and walnuts and soaked in a honey glaze. Call 943-7470 for reservations.

And.... Every Sunday Night you can enjoy the taste of Italy at Italian Night!

For the Month of September the menu will be:

- Baked Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
- Roasted Vegetable Alfredo over Penne'
 - Chicken Parmesan over Spaghetti Or
- Whole Baby Clams in Garlic Butter over fresh Pasta

Each meal is only \$9.99 and includes a Caesar Salad and Foccacia



New students and staff at the Cook School

Our new students were introduced at an informal assembly on Friday morning. We welcomed our new Kindergarten students: Aniah, Scotty, Lily, Aubrey, Alyssa V. , Autumn, Alyssa N. , Angelique, and Kaya. We are also pleased to have Frankie Harmon (2nd grade), Colleen Demairs (3rd grade), Sariah Harmon (4th grade), Mr. Derek Perkins (ed tech) and Mrs. Nott (K-1 teacher) join our Cook School family.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Melania Rand (7). Caught Being Good bags: Lindsay, Rebecca, Michael D., Joshua G., Kendra

Our official Terrific Kid assemblies will be held each Friday beginning September 7 at 10:45. We hope to see you there.

(Pictured: Jenn Stone, Jordan Prendergast, Senator Schnieder, Stacy R and Sonny Hayes).



AREA SCHOOL NEWS

COOK SCHOOL NEWS

We are thrilled that Mr. Ron Parker will be accompanying us on guitar again this year during our Terrific Kid assembly

The Students and staff at the Marion C. Cook School enjoyed a wonderful opening day assembly and ribbon cutting ceremony for our new playground. We celebrated all of our hardworking parents and community members who worked countless hours to make this project a success. Well deserved special recognition went to Jennifer Stone (who has spearheaded this project every step of way), Sonny Hayes and Stacy Robichaud..

Maine State Senator Elizabeth Schneider joined us for the morning. She presented a Senatorial Sentiment Community Spirit Award which reads, "In appreciation of the wonderful volunteers, especially Jennifer Stone, Sonny Hayes and Stacy Robichaud, who worked to make a safe enjoyable playground for the children of the Marion C. Cook School and great La Grange area. May they always be honored and recognized for making the project a success." The framed award is signed by Ms. Schneider and is on the on display outside the office.

Jenn, Stacy and Sonny cut the ribbon for the official opening of the playground. The first student down the new slide was Jordan Prendergast. The children had a chance to play on their newly opened playground before heading inside to lunch. The new equipment will enjoyed for many years to come.

To the Editors, Three Rivers News

This is in reference to the letter of concern sent in by Catherine K. Ellison to this column last week regarding memorial gifts in the name of Mary G. Heath. Due to the "PO Box 218" being listed in the obituary and not the library's official address which is "4 Pleasant Street", Catherine Ellison was afraid that the library staff would not be receiving the memorial gifts given in the name of Mary Graves Heath. I want to assure everyone who saw the letter that we are receiving the memorial gifts in Mary's name. Robin Larson, town treasurer, places all the memorial envelopes in the library in-box which is located in the town office. Thus all memorial envelopes meant for the library with either address will get to the library staff.

We are very pleased to be receiving gifts in memory of Mary G. Heath, who was an avid reader and library user. The library staff has also been pleased to meet Bill Heath and Betty Lufkin, Mary's son and daughter, who have been choosing books from this library for their mother these last few years. We thank the family for thinking of the library at this time.

Judith D. Macdougall
Library Director

COMPETE TO COMPLETE TRIATHLON '07 SWIM~BIKE~WALK/RUN

Saturday, September 22, 2007, @ 9:00 a.m.

SWIM: The first leg of the journey, swim four lengths (equals 100 yards) in the PRYMCA pool. There are no restrictions on type of strokes; but fins are not allowed.

BIKE: The second leg pedal 2.8 miles on a mapped route around the town of Dover-Foxcroft. Any bike can be entered; but helmets are required.

WALK/RUN: The final leg is a one mile walk/run ending at the PRYMCA.

PRIZES:

First Place - 6 month Adult Membership

Second Place - 3 Month Adult Membership

Third Place - 1 Month Adult Membership.

All participants will receive a Compete to Complete t-shirt.

Registration Fee: \$20.00 members; \$25.00 non-members.

Must be 16 and older to register.

Registration starts July 16th - August 30th.

All equipment supplied by the participant(s).

Triathlon teams are acceptable.

Triathlon training begins July 16, 2007.

Registered non-member participants pay \$5.00 daily fee for use of PRYMCA facility while training for event.

Milo Free Public Library News

By Judith Macdougall

Has the library been busy lately! Usually we slow down after the summer reading program, but this year we have been busier than ever. How wonderful!

We had space on the new computer table for another computer and Jerry Cole, selectman, brought in a gently used one from the town offices to increase our patron computers to five. Jerry spent hours and hours on one older computer to get it back online and also set up this fifth computer. We certainly thank him for his dedication to the library, and the computer users thank him too. We have now added 20% more computers for patron use, but it seems as if we have 50% more computer users. However, the adults and the juveniles are great in that they share computers pleasantly and also share computer knowledge. Everyone is allowed a full half hour-no hassle on the computer, and then if someone is waiting, the one who has been on the longest (we have a log book) releases their machine. However, in the case of teens who have lots of time, they simply wait in our big rocking chair for the next free computer, or leave and come back later. Thus the library section near the computers stays really busy.

Now that school has started up again BS1 workers meet with their charges in the library in our children's area to read aloud, to have the children read and do other projects or just socialize. Thus the children's area is another busy and fun section of the library where everyone is having a good time too.

The family of Mary Graves Heath has designated the library as the recipient of any memorial gifts in her name. Many have donated and as requested by her son, Bill Heath, and her daughter, Betty Lufkin, the library will be purchasing new westerns and mystery books in Mary's name. Mary enjoyed reading these types of books so her family thought these genres would make good selections. Mary was an avid reader, and we very much enjoyed seeing her come into the library. She once said to me, "If I see your name (Judy Macdougall) in a book, I know I will like it too." I was pleased to hear that Mary enjoyed reading the same books I did. If anyone would like to donate a gift in Mary's name, it will be easiest if you send it to the address below:-Milo Free Public Library, 4 Pleasant Street, Milo ME 04463. Donations sent to the address- Box 218, Milo ME also reach us, but the Pleasant Street address is quicker.

Speaking of books, Jackie Wood has donated several new mysteries to the library.

Goldberg, Lee MR. MONK & THE TWO ASSISTANTS

Haines, Carolyn HAM BONES

Kelley, Lee Charles LIKE A DOG WITH A BONE

And from the Junior Library Guild we have received the following three juvenile books:-

Fienberg, Anna NUMBER 8

Holm, Jennifer MIDDLE SCHOOL IS WORSE

(Told by her own notes) THAN MEAT LOAF

Schlitz, Laura Amy GOOD MASTERS! SWEET

LADIES (Voices from a medieval village)

From Baker & Taylor we have received:-

Allen, Sarah Addison GARDEN SECRETS

Buckley, William F. THE RAKE

Gabalton, Diane LORD JOHN AND THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE BLADE

Khoury, Raymond THE SANCTUARY

Maron, Margaret HARD ROW

Mitchard, Jacquelyn STILL SUMMER

Reichs, Kathy
Spanogle, Joshua

BONES TO ASHES
FLAWLESS

Library Winter Hours
Mon.-Weds.-Fri. ---2:00-8:00
Saturday 2:00-4:00
Telephone 943-2612

Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville



Children: Priority One
August 15, 2007

Seventeen members gathered at The Restaurant on Park St in Milo for the weekly meeting of Three Rivers Kiwanis. President Ethelyn Treworgy also welcomed an interclub from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis, Glenn Rogers from Lawrence, MA Kiwanis Club, Honorary Member Stephanie Gillis, Josh Clement, Pres., and Jennie Goodine, Vice President, of Penquis Valley Key Club, and Zachary and Katie Pooler, children of new member Leanne Pooler.

A thank you note was received from the Maine 4-H Delegation thanking Kiwanis for providing bottled drinking water for their trip to Washington, DC.

Happy and Sad Dollars were given for seeing peacocks in the road, son getting married, Yankees and Red Sox, loss of Phil Rizutto, voice of the Yankees for many years, and raising funds for Tara Hayes Lilly.

Eben DeWitt, membership chairman, inducted three new members. Welcome to Cathryn Knox, Leanne Pooler, and Katie Robertson-Joyner.

The JSI Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 24 and Kiwanis will be providing a BBQ in conjunction with that. Key Club members will be assisting also.

The Senior BBQ's will start on August 22 at Quarry Pines and August 23 at LaGrange Town Hall Apts. Volunteers are needed to assist in cooking and serving. Call Nancy Harrigan if you can help.

The meeting on August 29 is an EVENING MEETING with a boat ride (weather permitting) and picnic on the Sebec River. Contact Ethelyn for details.

In lieu of a speaker, President Ethelyn reported on the action of the Board of Directors at their meeting on August 9th. At the meeting the budget was discussed and funds were set aside for the Library Program Fund, RIF, Secret Santa Project, Bike Rodeo, Book Awards to graduating seniors, and the Swim Program.

Our club will be starting a Builders Club for younger children this fall and information will be forthcoming regarding this.

Janet Richards has agreed to take the position of Pres.-Elect and George Barton will take the vacancy on the Board of Directors. A vote was taken and members elected these members to their positions.

It was voted by the Board to designate our Happy and Sad Dollars for the next month to go to the Tara Lilly fund.

Stephanie Gillis told us about a picnic and entertainment she is organizing for the walkers in the Tara Lilly Walk on Sept. 8th. This will be in her yard at 1 Main St. - Milo - and she has asked if Kiwanians will assist with this. We will provide more details later.

Our club will be sponsoring two students to go to the Key Leader Workshop in Mass. in September.

It was also voted to change the Board meetings back to the first Thursday of the month.

Installation of new officers will be held on Sept. 26 at The Junction General Store.
Lois Trask, Sec.

August 22, 2007 Minutes

President Ethelyn Treworgy welcomed seventeen members along with an interclub from Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis and Dustin, Bob Ellison's grandson, and Natalie Hitchcock, who chaperoned on the bus trips with the Swim Program children for eight weeks this summer.

Eben DeWitt led the Flag Salute and Ed Treworgy offered the Morning Prayer.

Birthday wishes were extended to Val Robertson for her upcoming birthday on August 27.

A thank you note was read from the Piscataquis Soil and Water Conservation District for our \$100 contribution, which assisted in providing camperships which enabled area children to attend the camp and learn about

natural resources, agriculture and conservation, while at the same time having a lot of fun.

Many happy dollars were collected for the Tara Hayes Lilly fund.

The JSI Golf Tournament is scheduled for Aug. 24, rain or shine, and starts at 9 a.m. Kiwanis will be providing a barbeque lunch for participants with Key Club members assisting.

Upcoming BBQ's will be held at LaGrange Town Hall Apts. and Pleasant Park and Milo Heights.

The August 29th meeting is an EVENING MEETING, which will consist of a picnic (members providing their own food) at the Gazebo at Veteran's Park and followed by boat rides up the Sebec River. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. at the Park.

Upcoming speakers include Cindy Freeman-Cyr on Sept. 5 and Rep. James Annis on Sept. 12.

Our speaker was Heidi Finson, Director of Milo Head Start, who talked to us about hearing impaired and deaf individuals and the many difficulties associated with this.

Early identification of a problem is crucial so that intervention and planning can occur. There are many resources available for parents such as the Baxter School for the Deaf and the Education Center for Hearing Impaired.

There are videos and DVD's available which demonstrate the different ways a child can be taught to communicate. It must be decided how they will communicate, either by sign language, Signed English (every word has a sign), American Signing, lip reading and cochlear implants.

Another difficulty is the lack of interpreters and their difficulty in fully translating the full aspect of an idea. In addition, different countries have different methods of signing.

Heidi's presentation was very enlightening. Thank you Heidi.
Lois Trask, Sec.

August 31, 2007

We had 16 members and 7 guests which included Josh, the Key Club President, who showed up for a picnic lunch at the Veterans Memorial Park on Wed. August 29th at 6:00 p.m. Following the picnic, all but three made the trip up the Sebec River to the Rips and back. It was a beautiful evening and we saw a gorgeous sunset and also an eagle. Thanks to everyone who provided boats and for those who drove them. A great time was had by all.
Lois

M.S.A.D. #41 SCHOOL LUNCH MENU SEPTEMBER 2007

3-LABOR DAY
4-Chicken fajita wrap, veggie, and fruit, veggies and milk every day.
5-Cheeseburger and French fries.
6-Turkey supreme.
7-Ham Italian with veggies and dip.
10-American chop suey, tossed salad and breadstick.
11-Cold cut combo and pickle spears.
12-Shepherd's pie with cheese.
13-Chicken nuggets and potato smiles.
14-Pizza and veggies with dip.
17-Soft taco with lettuce/tomato.
18-Mac & cheese and baked ham.
19-Salisbury steak w/gravy and potato.
20-Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich and crackers.
21-Chickenburger and cole slaw.
24-Egg muffin and hash browns.
25-Ravioli and dinner roll.
26-Maine Harvest Dinner.
27-Pasta & meat sauce, tossed salad and garlic salad.
28-Pepperoni pizza and veggies with dip.

Menus are subject to change without notice.
K - 6 lunch.....\$1.50 Breakfast.....\$1.00
7 - 12 lunch.....\$1.75 Breakfast.....\$1.00
Adult lunch.....\$3.50 Adult breakfast.....\$1.25
Reduced lunch.....\$.40 Reduced breakfast.....\$.30
All returned checks will be charged a \$10.00 fee.

PAWS NEWS

By Valerie Robertson

Where to start!? There has been so much going on in relation to the shelter that I have to take a moment and figure out where to begin!! I guess I shall start by thanking the folks who have helped so much in the past few weeks!

The first people I need to mention are the neighbors of PAWS. The Sawyers and The O'Connors have put up with the craziness that sometimes befall them because of their proximity to the Paws building. Marty has mowed our lawn, whacked our weeds, and plowed our snow faithfully for years, at his own expense of both time and money. We appreciate his contributions so very much!! Linda watches over the building for us and is attuned to any changes that might signal a problem at the shelter! The same can be said of the Sawyers who live across the street. Carol Jean and Eddie are also an integral and much appreciated part of our "Neighborhood Watch".

We owe a huge thank you to Mike Comeau at Three Rivers Feed. He has stood behind our efforts from the very beginning, and has collected and handled money for us. We earn quite a sum of money from donated bottle and can redemption money, and Mike makes sure every penny gets to us! He also helped us out two weeks ago when we needed a live trap and didn't have money for one. His Feed and Redemption Store is a great asset to town and a huge friend of PAWS Inc!! He also ordered Frontline flea treatment and sells it by single doses as a help to those who can't afford to buy the whole package. Hundreds of area pets are "Not Itchy" because of this offering.

We also thank our good friends and supporters at The Milo Farmer's Union! We could not function without their support. The cans for money at the registers collect a large portion of our donations and we are eternally appreciative. We are also receiving many items in the box they allow us to keep in the entry way of the store. Food, litter, cleaning and feeding supplies are placed there daily.

Patty and Al Estes have shown their love and support for our area's animals by donating a new furnace—yes you read that right!—a much needed furnace to the shelter. The old one is so leaky that we needed to replace it before we started heating this winter. Patty and Al heard this and GAVE us a new one. It has been checked out by McKusicks and is compatible with the set-up at the shelter, so we have saved more than \$1000.00 thanks to the generosity of Patty and Al. Keep them in your thoughts as they treat their beloved pet dog for cancer. With a Mama and Daddy as wonderful as those two he is one lucky boy!!

I would personally like to take this opportunity to thank a good friend of mine, Mike Fagan. He lives in Dover, but is a great animal lover, and twice a year, when he comes to Milo to participate in either our fantasy football or baseball drafts he brings a huge selection of food and supplies for the shelter. This year's donation was very needed and soooo appreciated! The following picture is of Mike and Katie taking the supplies from his vehicle and putting them in mine. Thank You So Much Mike!!



Now for an update or two on the kitties at the shelter. The following photos show four of the adoptable guys and gals waiting for homes. Each one has been neutered, tested negative for leukemia, immunized and treated for fleas and ear mites. They are amazingly friendly and nice and all they need to make life complete is a loving permanent home! Give me a call at 943-2324 if you would like more information or would like to check them out!!





And now to the story of those two sweet babies in the above picture. Two weeks ago Monday, Elaine Blethen had the opportunity to scoop up a cat that had been hanging around her property for a month or more. Unfortunately, it was during the week the shelter was mistakenly closed, so Joe Guyotte, Milo's Animal Control Officer was called and he took the cat to Mary Shapleigh's home in Dover. The next morning Elaine received a frantic call from Mary that the cat was a mother and that there had to be kittens somewhere!! We searched the area under Elaine's shed, where the cat had been lying, and we searched inside and under every building and object near-by. Our conclusion was that the kittens were either still-born or had been killed by something, and we were all feeling sad and guilty.

But on Friday morning, at about 6am, I received a call from Elaine. "I can hear kittens!". I drove to her house once again looked and listened under her shed, where she could hear the mews. Not only did I not see anything, I didn't hear anything either. I returned home and Suzy and Elaine reluctantly headed for the fair to run their ice cream stand as both are members of the Piscataquis Fair Association. They spent a long morning wondering where the sound was coming from.

Later that afternoon, Suzy's husband Gary was sitting with them at the fairgrounds and he said "I can't stand it, I've got to find those kittens!" and he headed to Milo. Sure enough, when he stepped into Elaine's shed, he heard the cries and realized they were coming from ABOVE the shed. He ripped and tore his way through the ceiling, into the rafters and there, crawling over a stringer was a teeny white and black baby! Gary looked behind the lone baby and there was his sister, cold and motionless. The brave little boy had summoned up what was left of his strength, crawled where he could be better heard, and shown Gary where he and his sister were!

Elaine rushed home and with Gary's help and the help of Kevin, her grand-nephew, they rubbed and warmed the cold little kittens. Elaine called me and Katie and we rushed down to check things out. I was amazed to hear the kittens were alive, as temperatures had dipped well into the forties the previous two nights. When we walked into Elaine's cozy kitten, there sat Gary, Elaine and Kevin around the table and in front of Elaine and Kevin lay the babies-each wrapped in a towel and each getting a soft massage to warm and sooth them.

I picked up the teeny black and white girl and she was still cold and motionless. I have dealt with new borns in this condition before, and I know that the cold is usually what kills them. I also know that before you give them anything to

eat it is imperative to warm them up. Elaine got Katie and me more towels and we proceeded to warm the towels in the microwave while alternating wrapping each kitten in the warmer towels. Before long the brave little boy was meowing at the top of his lungs. Gary remarked that that was what saved them both. It took a few more minutes (during which I noticed that the little girl had gotten so cold that the fleas on her had died) but eventually the lifeless kitten began moving-then she cried. What a sweet, sweet sound!!

I had left my van running with the heater on full-blast, so Katie and I carried the babies outside and jumped in my VERY warm vehicle. We went to the shelter, plugged in a heating pad then began mixing up some KMR kitten formula. We determined that the kittens were maintaining their body temperature and decided it was OK to feed them. They reinforced this decision by greedily sucking down over a tablespoon of formula each. The little boy then had a second feeding-apparently it makes you extra hungry when you save your sister's life as well as your own!

For the next few days I took the babies everywhere I went, as they needed feeding every hour. The little girl stayed smaller and weaker than her brother, and I actually didn't hold out much hope for her surviving. I know that even when the babies make it through the first few feedings, sometimes an severe upper-respiratory infection or pneumonia can kill them. Eventually the little boy starting gaining weight and had a huge belly (as do most of the pets I feed!), but the little girl gained much less and more slowly.

In the meantime we heard back from Mary Shapleigh that the mother had displayed signs of an illness and the vet had determined she had a severe uterine infection and probably would have died had Elaine not snatched her up and taken her for help. Isn't it funny how sometimes a seemingly bad thing turns into a good thing?!

So here it is two weeks later, and the 4-day old half-dead babies are now two-and-a-half-week-old thriving kittens! Little Pepe, the boy, still gains at a faster rate than La Pew, his little sister, but I am starting to think they are both going to make it and grow up to be wonderfully healthy cats. I will be able to watch them do just that, as coincidently, Suzy and Gary were sort of thinking about getting a couple of kittens and I think, given the fact that Gary saved their lives, it is definitely in the stars for these two little survivors to spend the rest of their lives giving him and Suzy a lot of kitty love. In the meantime, the sweeties will be eating and growing and waiting to go to their new home, which coincidently is right next door to their first home in the attic.

I have a message board I frequent and have met the nicest people ever!! One of the ladies there, Dana Jean posted a story that I thought was awesome and I thought you readers would enjoy it also. Dana Jean and I sometimes wonder if we were twins separated at birth, and I think you will agree it's a possibility after you read her story!! I had posted about the two kittens from Elaine's and she wrote this after I called her a goat whisperer because she told me she had saved a baby goats life:

Val, I am a goat whisperer. Long story short...okay, you know I can't make a long story short--anyway, when I married my husband he lived on a farm. I was a city girl. We moved into an old trailer on his parent's property (old trailer=true love, what the heck was I thinking?) Well, I adopted all the farm animals as pets which if you are a farmer, animals are money, not pets, so I drove my in-laws insane.

They had these 3 goats, Jeffrey, Judith and Muttley Jo, that they kept around to eat the tall grass and weeds around the place. I didn't think their small ration of other foodstuff besides the overgrown brush was adequate, so I took them over and started feeding them hay and oats and other juicy fruit and vegetable tidbits. Their pen (which was right by a main road and people drove by it constantly) had a very nice horse shed in it that I put straw down in to keep the goats comfy. I mucked it out on a regular basis so they would always have fresh bedding plus I also took some old throw rugs out there for them to lay on. Before I came along, they just slept on the cold ground.

In the winter, I would haul warmed water out to them before work every morning; I spent my lunch hour at home so I could bring them more; and at night, I would lug more buckets of warmed water from the trailer to their tank.

One morning-- bitter cold snowy day, I went out to see about them and the little Nubian goat, Muttley Jo, was down and couldn't stand on her feet. Unfortunately, she did not own one of those LifeAlert necklaces, so I was sick to think she laid there waiting for me possibly for hours. She wouldn't eat or drink and the youngest ornery pygmy goat (I don't want to name names--Judith) was head-butting her over and over again. I won't even get into how disappointed I was in Judith's behavior. She had, apparently, some unresolved issues. Anyway, I went flying into the trailer bawling my brains out for my husband to get out there and fence her off from the other goat who was being mean to her and to give her a shot of antibiotics.

I went to work and when I came home, I carried her into our bathroom. My husband came home and threw this big ol' hissy fit to get the stinky goat out of the bathroom and back out to the pen. (She DID NOT STINK) Of course I started bawling and took her back out into the cold. But, my husband did give her a shot (which as farmers, my in-laws felt this was a waste of time and money to doctor this goat that was surely going to die) and he also fenced her a little area to keep the mean goat Judith, away from her. Jeffrey, my big Alpine guy, would jump the fenced-in area and sleep all snuggled up to her--he was such a love boy. My mother-in-law shook her head at me and told me that Muttley Jo would probably die because when farm animals got sick, they usually died from diarrhea and dehydration. I personally think a number of farm animals die from indifference and laziness on the part of the owner. I loved these goats, and if she was going to die, it wouldn't be because she didn't get loving care.

I worked for doctors, so I brought home a great big syringe container minus the needle and some bottles of Pedialyte to keep her electrolytes up. I forced Pedialyte down her throat with the syringe before work; I came home for lunch and did it again; and during the course of the evening up until about 11 p.m., she got Pedialyte and water about every 2 hours. My husband continued to give her periodic shots of antibiotics too. It took her about a week to eat the oats I hand fed her; and 2 weeks to be able to stand on her feet and eat although she was very wobbly and unsteady at best. When she could, I would take her out of her pen and guard her from the mean goat and let her exercise. I put a sweatshirt on her (It was gray with little black and white sheep all over it; I'm pretty sure I saw Princess Diana wearing one just like it once) during these forays out into the unprotected weather outside her shed pen. People would drive by and slow down to watch me with the sweatshirted goat clinging to my leg. I have no doubt

my father-in-law was dying a slow death because people he knew would drive by and see his crazy daughter-in-law out there frolicking with the livestock. It probably goes without saying that he was trying to figure out where he could hide the body if he shot me.

It took a month in one of the coldest snowbound winters we've ever had, but she finally was strong enough to hold her own and each day, she grew stronger and stronger. She pulled out of it. It was so worth my hard work because she gave me such affection.

That following summer, I came home one day and she wasn't there--my mother-in-law had sold her. I was so heartbroken and I never forgave her for doing that. I don't know who bought her, but my feeling is she probably went to some Mexicans for taco meat. I'm not being racist; where I live, Mexicans love goat meat. I mourned her loss. It was a huge blow to me.

So, force Pedialyte down any diarrhea kittens. It will save them. And now you know the rest of the story.

Well, was I right? Doesn't Dana Jean sound like she and I could be twins?! Til next time...Valerie.

CONCERT GOERS DONATE FUNDS FOR TARA HAYES LILLY FUND

Submitted by Phil Gerow

Individuals attending the Community Concert Band Concert recently held at the gazebo in the Veterans Memorial Park on the shore of the Sebec River not only heard great music but they donated funds to help benefit Tara Hayes Lilly who is undergoing treatment for cancer in Switzerland.

As he has done for many of the band's concerts in Milo, Phil Gerow told the concert goers of Tara's problem and asked if they would put whatever they might in the bright red hat he circulated. At other concerts Phil's funds have been used to purchase music for the band. This year the band is using music borrowed from county schools' music departments.

The day after the concert, Gerow deposited \$86 collected at the concert into the account at the Maine Savings Federal Credit Union. Accepting the funds was employee Beth Beals.

During the concert band members, who came from throughout the Piscataquis County area, played famous marches such as "El Captain", "The Washington Post March", "Bill Bailey, Won't You Please Come Home", "You're a Grand Old Flag", "Yankee Doodle Dandy", "Semper Fidelis", "Our Director", "Independencia", and "American Patrol". All were well received by applause and the tooting of horns.

Band members participating included Sandra Haley, flute; Arthur Kimball, bass clarinet; Everett Simpson, baritone; Seth Barden, David Homes, and Hugh Burgess, trumpet; Chris Jay, trombone; Jane Holmes and Anne Burgess; Arlene Dean, bass drum and Kathy Jones, snare drum. Flag bearer for the band is Marian Perkins, music director is Kathryn Dessoreau and manager is Kathy Jones.

All in all, it was an enjoyable evening and ended up a worthy cause for Tara Hayes Lilly.

Invitation to Join the Milo Elementary PTO

Your participation in the Milo Elementary PTO is needed and wanted. Please take a few minutes to complete a survey to help the officers learn more about what you would

like to gain from PTO involvement. Here are a few details about the organization.

Information about PTO meetings is sent home with students, posted in the *Three Rivers News* and a notice put on the school doors. You are encouraged to contact the PTO president, Natalie Hitchcock.

- *Natalie Hitchcock, president 943-2343
- *Tiffany Sanborn, treasurer
- *Victoria Eastman 943-2400
- *Cathryn Knox, Milo Elementary School Principal 943-2122

The Milo Elementary School PTO supports:

*Field trips for students (The school does not pay for transportation or entry fees.) Examples include:

- Youth Symphony at Maine Center for The Arts
- Fields Pond Nature Center
- Challenger Space Center in Bangor
- Treworgy's Apple Orchard and farm for Grade 1
- Penobscot Theater

*Future purchase of playground components

**"Move and Improve" prizes including 2 bikes as grand prizes

*Staff appreciation

*Lego Robotics after-school program (depending on funds)

The PTO gains funds through annual fundraisers

- *Fall Folic
- *Santa Secret Shop
- *Bike Raffle
- *Crafters and Small Business Fair
- *Possible "Family Fun Night", if survey shows support for this idea

Upon the return of a survey, parents will get a free ticket for a drawing for a bicycle.

Travis "Bull" Cowing is coming to town!

The 1995 Penquis Valley H.S. graduate will perform a stand-up comedy show with a special guest.

Travis has performed at clubs and colleges all over the east coast, most recently in New York City.

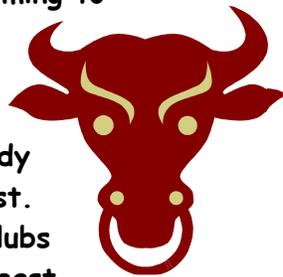
When: Saturday, Sept. 8th

Where: Milo Town Hall

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Tix: \$15 pp/\$25 couple (at door)

Proceeds will benefit the "Team Up for Tara" project



FMI CONTACT: Megan Russell
279-0479 or
russellme@fc.husson.edu

****Must be 18 yrs. or older to attend! Adult content and language!****

PAWS will be holding a Yard Sale, September 21st and 22nd, at the shelter at 39 Clinton Street in Milo. Come to find some great bargains and help us raise money to keep our shelter running. If you have items to donate, you can leave them on the porch at the shelter.

Milo Elementary School PTO 2007-2008 Opinion Survey

To improve involvement in PTO which in turn will improve children's school experience, please complete this brief survey and return it to your child's teacher or to the school's front office. Those who sign their names will receive a raffle ticket for a bike drawing to be held on or around September 14, 2007.

Rate each question below on a 1 to 5 scale with 1 meaning No/not likely; 3 meaning Neutral or indifferent; and 5 meaning Yes/I agree.

1. Last year PTO attendance was down to an average of 2 people. Would you have more likely to attend if you had known you were so badly needed?

1 2 3 4 5

2. Are you clear about what PTO does?

1 2 3 4 5

3. If you were more aware of the Milo Elementary PTO would you be more likely to participate?

1 2 3 4 5

4. If Milo Elementary PTO meetings were held on a different day would you be more likely to attend?

1 2 3 4 5

Which day works best for you? _____

5. If PTO were held at a certain time of day would you be more likely to attend?

1 2 3 4 5

What time of day works best for you? _____

6. If your child were welcome to attend meetings with a place to play under supervision would you participate more readily?

1 2 3 4 5

7. Do you think the PTO does enough for Milo Elementary School?

1 2 3 4 5

8. Are you interested in attending a "Family Fun Night" at the school?

1 2 3 4 5

9. What suggestions do you have for the Milo Elementary PTO?

You may choose to not sign your name but if you wish to be contacted or to have a free raffle ticket for the bike drawing, please print your name and telephone number here. _____

Thank you for your time. You are appreciated for helping us.

Yours truly,

Natalie



As kids have done for years, Cody Cobb and David Newbert are enjoying a game of tetherball on the playground at Brownville Elementary. School opened with lots of excitement as there is some new playground equipment. A recent grant enabled the purchase of soccer goals, basketball hoops, tetherball and other balls and bases. Lots of fun this year!