



# Three Rivers News



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The 2007 World Series trophy stood on display at Harold Alfond Sports Arena at the University of Maine on Monday, Jan 21, 2008. Hundreds of fans, perhaps more than a thousand, went to see the gold, silver and platinum prize and have their photo taken beside it.

Michelle and Bill Harmon of Milo took their 5-month-old daughter, Marissa Fenway Harmon, to take a family photo with the trophy. Bill and Michelle gave her that middle name to commemorate their favorite baseball park.

"We call her Little Fenway," Michelle said, holding her daughter's Red Sox baby blanket as the family waited in line for half an hour to see the trophy. Bill wore his leather Red Sox jacket and an enormous grin as they moved to the front of the line.

## Super Bowl Subs!!



It's that time of year again to order your SUPER BOWL SUBS from any participating Close-Up Student.....from now until Super Bowl Sunday.

The cost is \$5.00 and you can order either HAM or SALAMI. The foot-long sandwiches will be delivered to your door before the big game!! CALL TO ORDER FROM CLOSE UP MEMBERS:

ERICA LYFORD: 943-2342 or 279-2009

STEVEN MORSE: 943-7376

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**The Milo Elementary PTO presents  
The Maine Steiners Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at  
the Milo Town Hall**

An afternoon of great entertainment!

\$12.50 per person table seating \$6.00 balcony & 65 yr.. or older. Children 12 & under free with paid adult.

Desserts & beverages available for sale.

Table seating includes dessert & beverage.

All proceeds to benefit the Milo Elementary PTO Playground Fund. Tickets are available at Milo True Value, MSAD #42 Superintendents' Office and will be on sale at Maine Savings Federal Credit Union on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 2:30-4 PM.

## MILO FARMERS UNION MAKES DONATION



At the January meeting of the Milo Farmers Union, the board of directors approved a contribution to a Milo community project. The Milo Elementary School PTO is raising money to create a safe playground that meets the needs for students in grades K-6. Community members frequently take children to the playground during early evenings in the spring and fall and during summer months. Chair of the MFU board of directors, Eben Dewitt, presented a check for \$1000 to the president of the PTO, Karen Graham on January 22. Pictured with Mr. Dewitt and Mrs. Graham is Milo Elementary School principal, Cathryn Knox.

Mr. Dewitt stated that the MFU board hopes this contribution will encourage other community organizations and businesses to contribute to the playground effort. Anyone needing more information about the plans for the playground may contact any of the following: Theresa McMannus and Karen Graham, co-chairs of the PTO Playground Committee or Cathy Knox at Milo Elementary School, 943-2122.

**There will be an  
informational meeting  
for parents of students  
who attend Penquis**



**Schools to explain the "Every 15 Minutes  
Program that is being held in May.  
The meeting is tonight, Monday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>  
from 6-8 in the PVHS Library. More details  
on page 2. There will be snacks and the  
setting will be informal.**

## A Flowery fund raiser

The CLOSE-UP students are selling carnations in time for Valentine's Day for the low, low price of just \$1.00 each.



Gentlemen, you could get that special woman in your life a beautiful bouquet for as little as \$12.00!!! They will be for sale from now until Valentine's Day. Contact any Close-Up student to order flowers. **Erica Lyford 943-2342 or 279-2009 -Shelishia Clark: 943-8896 or 279-1017**  
**Steven Morse:943-7376 Drew Bellatty: 943-1016**  
**Bruce Benoit: 943-5129**

**Dear Community Member,**

On May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of 2008, Penquis Valley High School, in cooperation with the Milo and Brownville Police Departments, the Milo Fire Department and Mayo Regional Hospital is preparing to bring the Every 15 Minutes Program to our school. The program is sponsored by the Piscataquis Public Health Partnership, a Healthy Maine Partnership. This is an intensive and emotional two-day drinking and driving awareness program that involves parents and their children. The name of the program "Every 15 Minutes" was adopted from the fact that every 15 minutes someone in the U.S. dies from an alcohol related traffic accident.



This program is designed to challenge our students to think about driving a motor vehicle and drinking, and how the deadly combination could affect not only their life, but also those who love them. Although this program focuses on drinking and driving, students need to understand that senseless tragedies happen everyday. Some of the issues surrounding these tragedies include speed, non-seatbelt use, and distracted driving.

The first day of the program begins with the Grim Reaper removing pre-selected students from their classrooms. An officer then enters the class and reads that student's obituary, which is written by the parent(s). These students are then given an Every 15 Minutes T-shirt and their faces are painted white. They are sent back to class, but will not be able to talk with friends, etc. At the same time, parents are notified of their child's demise by uniformed police officers at their home or workplace.

Later in the day, a simulated traffic accident will be staged in front of Penquis Valley School. One student will be arrested for OUI, one or two students will be injured and taken to the hospital, and one or two will be declared dead at the scene. All students (7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) are encouraged to attend or participate. At the end of the first day, students involved in the actual role-playing will be transported to a local retreat. This simulates what it would be like to be apart from family and friends. During the retreat, students will be asked to write their parents a letter that begins: "Dear.....Every 15 minutes someone in the US dies from an alcohol related accident and today I died. I never got the chance to tell you..." Students will be asked to finish this letter to you. Parents will also write a similar letter to their children.

The following morning, the students will be transported back to school for a "mock" funeral service for the deceased students. Again, the entire school (7-12) is invited to attend, along with their parents and community members. There will be speakers at the service, which includes some of the participants and their parents. The focus of this emotional event will be to guide the audience through the devastating effects of losing a friend or loved one. This program will open the student's minds to think about drinking and their personal

safety, as well as the adult responsibility to make mature decisions when human life is at stake.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at 943-7346 ext. 131. You can also visit the national Every 15 Minutes website at [www.every15minutes.com](http://www.every15minutes.com). This program has recently taken place at Greenville High School, Old Town High and Foxcroft Academy, along with many other schools around the country.  
 Sincerely, Katie Joyner-Robertson

There will be a community forum for the Every 15 Minutes program on Monday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm in the Penquis Valley High School Library.

**Any parent, guardian, or interested person is urged to stop in for a few minutes and ask questions, offer your support or volunteer to help!**

There will be a variety of involved participants in attendance to answer any questions and to listen to any concerns that may arise including:

- Local law enforcement
- Substance abuse and grief counselors
- Every 15 Minute Coordinators
- Student and Parent Representatives

**The success of this program depends on community support and involvement, so....**  
**please make an effort to attend, even if you only have a few minutes.**

**Greetings from the Piscataquis County Democratic Committee!**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS ! ITS TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**On Sunday, February 10th, 2008 the Maine Democratic Presidential Caucuses will be held.**

**Who will you choose? Clinton? Obama? Edwards? Kucinich?**

**Below are the listings for the Regional Caucuses for Piscataquis County.**

Towns	Location/Time
Abbot/Guilford/Parkman	Fire Station in Guilford 1:00 PM
Atkinson/Sebec/Dover-Foxcroft	Thompson Free Library in Back In Dover-Foxcroft 4:00 PM
Beaver Cove/Shirley/Greenville	Greenville Town Office in Greenville 2-4:00PM
<b>Brownville/Brownville Jct./ Bowerbank/ Williamsburg</b>	
<b>Town Office in Brownville 2:00 PM</b>	
<b>Milo/Orneville</b>	<b>Town Hall Dining Room In Milo 2:00 PM</b>
Monson/Blanchard/Willimantic	Town Office in Monson 1-3:00PM
Sangerville	Senior Citizen Rec. Center In Sangerville 2:00 PM
Wellington	Town Hall in Wellington 2:00 PM

Please use this information to spread the word and turnout for the caucus. It would be wonderful to have the best turnout ever!

**Please note that absentee ballots are available through the Maine Democratic Party office. Print off a request form online at <http://mainedems.org/2008AbsenteeRequestForm.aspx> or contact them during business hours at 207-622-6233. All absentee**

ballots must be completed and returned to the Maine Democratic Party headquarters by 5:00 PM on February 6th.

If you are 18 years old by November 3, 2008 you may participate in the Caucuses this year but you must register. If you should have any questions please feel free to contact either Patsy Fortier at 207-876-4531 or PatsyFortier1234@yahoo.com or Anita Johndro 207-564-2073 or ajohndro@yahoo.com .

In case of bad weather on February 10th, caucuses will be held the following Sunday, February 17th.

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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!

**THE BROWNVILLE JCT. AMERICAN LEGION POST WILL BE OPEN FROM 6:00 - 10:00 PM EACH SUNDAY EVENING FOR ANYONE WHO ENJOYS SCRAPBOOKING. YOU BRING YOUR SUPPLIES AND WE WILL PROVIDE SPACE AND COFFEE. FOR MORE INFO CALL 965-3631 OR 965-8741.**

#### AREA SCHOOL NEWS

You can help our schools just by shopping!!! The Box Tops for Education Program pays your town's school 10-cents for each

and every coupon clipped!! When choosing your product at your grocer, look for the Box Tops for Education logo, use the product and then clip and save the Box Tops coupon. You can drop them off at your local elementary school, put them in the special box by the registers at the Milo Farmer's Union, or slip them into the money slot in the Three Rivers News display boxes.



The 4-H PAC (Penquis Activities Clubs) will begin a new round of after school programs on Monday, January 28, 2008 - our first class on the 14<sup>th</sup> was cancelled due to weather. We are continuing to offer Chess with the facilitation of Natalie Hitchcock and two HS student mentors and we are hoping to resume with higher numbers once again. Sue Henner will teach soap-making for two sessions of "Exploring 4-H." Then Sarah Hardy will begin teaching knitting for the following four sessions of Exploring 4-H. We hope to have volunteers trained in teaching fun science with agriculture for a few sessions, have some more lessons from the *Exploring 4-H* book, and finish up with outdoor learning experiences provided by some college students before the program closes on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Cultural Heritage Arts 7<sup>th</sup> grade classes gathered their projects together for a photo shoot last Thursday. Social Studies teachers Wally Russell and Brenda Kain hinted that a Parent's Night or assembly for other students may be in store for displaying the young people's work in the near future. It was a nice surprise to recognize Telos Wallace, who was in the elementary Chess program in May, doing a computer display as part of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class in the high school program this fall as a way of showing how the programs complement each other.

Something new on Monday is that we will be welcoming students from Brownville arriving by bus and from LaGrange with transportation provided by the parents. We are still recruiting adult volunteers from the community to offer more classes. If we find a couple of qualified volunteers at each site, we would love to hold programs at the other schools. For now, they are welcome at Milo Elementary, graciously hosted by Principal Kathy Knox and Secretary Susan Keith.

Volunteers should contact 4-H Aide Linda Whitten for more information regarding the program [lwhitten@umext.maine.edu](mailto:lwhitten@umext.maine.edu) or call 564-3301 at University of Maine Cooperative Extension of Piscataquis County.

Photo shows one of the local young people who interviewed local historical figures, created models of farms, playgrounds, bridges, and created computer slide shows (some with music).

The Penquis cheerleaders are in their competition season too. Here, they perform their routine at one of the games.



## Bangor Symphony Quartet Performs

On Friday morning, January 25, Milo Elementary School hosted the second of three Performing Arts sessions for grades K-6. Through grants and underwriting the school planned a three session performing arts series for the school year. On Friday, a quartet from the Bangor Symphony performed for the entire school and guests. Students heard four musicians Janet Ciano, violinist, Mary Jo Carlson, violinist, Susan Heath, flutist, and Noreen Silver, cellist, members of Bangor Symphony Orchestra, who explained to the audience the instruments and the selections they performed. This performance was partially underwritten by the Maine Arts Commission.

The final session in the Performing Arts Series is scheduled for April 30 when the Maine poet, Robert Pottle, will read to the student body and teach poetry workshops in classrooms. His appearance will be made possible by a grant from ExxonMobil Educational Alliance, which was written by Robinson Fuel Mart of Brownville.

Third grade teacher Andrea Mills created the performing arts schedule and arranged for the performances for Milo Elementary School.

## The Penquis boys lost a close one to PCHS last week



**Sandra Haley is going to teach four after school knitting classes to students in grades 3-6 at the Milo Elementary School beginning on February 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a 4-H after school activity. Sandra needs some volunteers to assist her. Is there anyone that knits who might be willing to help Sandra? If so, call 943-5569.**

## MILO ELEMENTARY TERRIFIC KIDS

Mrs. Carey - We are happy to honor a special little girl as our Terrific Kid this week. She is always cheerful and friendly and does she like to talk!!!! She shares lots of stories but she is also generous when it comes to sharing her crayons and materials. Maybe she has learned about sharing from her Grammie since her Grammie has made lots of mittens for us to share during these cold, cold days. We are thankful to have Jessica Gervais in our kindergarten family.

Mrs. Walker - We are pleased and proud to honor this terrific guy this week from our Kindergarten room. He may be small in size but he is full of spunk and determination in learning his alphabet, sounds, words and numbers to 20. He is pleasant and polite and always tries to follow the Golden Rule. He has a great laugh and enjoys stories being read to him. Mr. Eastman compliments him often in music class. Someday you may see this TK in our Milo Elem. Band. Congrats to this new T.K. Donevin Fillmore

Mrs. Barden - We are very proud of our terrific kid. She has really grown up this year. She follows the Golden Rule every day. Her reading is improving and she loves to write about her horses. I am sure she knows she is terrific now! Congratulations to Brittney Robinson.

Mrs. Hayes - Our terrific kid celebrated her birthday in December and we will sing to her today. Her friends use these describing words to tell about her. She is awesome, cool, nice, super, respectful, friendly, neat, pretty, smart and kind. Her teachers agree with her friends! Thank you for being such a great student and wonderful friend, Cora Bailey.

Mrs Tardiff & Mrs. Hussey - This girl is a sweetie. She produces neat work and always checks to be sure she's right. She is a very caring, loving child. We're glad that she is improving her reading skills. Catherine Maxcy is a great Terrific Kid.

This boy is cooperative and follows the "I Care " rules in our class. You might not notice him at first because he is very quiet and well behaved. He sure is improving his skills. Tyler McQuarrie makes a great Terrific Kid.

Mrs. Dunham - Our Terrific kid has worked hard for this honor. She has been completing her work on time and gets her planner signed everyday. All her teachers are pleased with the choices she has been making during her classes. She is working better in small groups and independently. We are proud to say Kayla Harmon is our Terrific Kid.

Mrs. Mills - Our terrific kid is a hard worker. She is eager to complete her jobs and help others in the classroom. She is a good friend to her classmates. I have seen improvement in her reading this year and she is working hard to learn her multiplication facts and cursive writing. She is very excited to have a new baby brother and loves to tell us about him. We enjoy our days with Brianna Stone.

Mrs. Whitney - 4Whitney's Terrific Kid this week has a great attitude. She always comes in with a smile and a story. She shares willingly and often. Her presence has been a nice addition to the fourth grade this year. 4Whitney's Terrific Kid this week is Kelly Roberge.

Mrs. Johnston - Our Terrific Kid has had a great week. He is working hard on being a responsible citizen in our class. He does a great job getting his work done and is always willing to fix the little problems that come up. He is starting to write very interesting stories with lots of details. I am very proud of how he has matured, and glad that our Terrific Kid this week is Noah Allen.

Mrs. Knowlton - Our 5K TK today is a student who has worked REALLY hard to earn this honor. He has set a goal to stay caught up on all of his work and he has worked hard at changing his behavior to make our room a great learning place. He is an active outing club member and a member of the brand-new robotics club. Congratulations, Cody Andrick!

Mrs. Gillis - This boy's showing effort and trying to please, His mother's support refreshes like a breeze, He's practicing hard for the MEAs, Will help his future and college someday. Congratulations, Cody Dunham!

Mrs. Clukey - THIS WEEK'S TERRIFIC KID REALLY COULD HAVE BEEN TERRIFIC KID ANY WEEK OF THE YEAR. HER WRITING IS VERY CREATIVE AND BOY, CAN THAT GIRL DRAW. SHE IS A GOOD FRIEND TO THE OTHER STUDENTS IN THE CLASS, WHICH MAKES HER VERY WELL LIKED. ALSO SHE IS MORE THAN WILLING TO GIVE A HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHO NEED ONE. THAT IS WHY ISABEL RUFFIN IS OUR TERRIFIC KID TODAY.

Ms. Clark - This week's terrific kid has done a great job all year! She could have earned terrific kid almost any week, but there are so many terrific kids in the 6th grade it is hard to choose. She is a great student, a great friend, a great leader, and a great citizen. She is involved in sports and civil rights. She is a great class helper and is always willing to help me with any task. She is mature and accepts responsibility for her actions. Our terrific kid of the week is Jessica Preble! Congratulations Jessica. We are proud to have you in our sixth grade class!



The Penquis girls had a busy week with three games. Here they met the Lady Minutemen from Stearns.

### Cook School news

Alyssa V., Frankie Harmon and Josh Gray and were honored as Terrific Kids at our 1/25/08 assembly.

Mrs. Nott: Alyssa Vaillancourt is my terrific kid this week. Alyssa does a great job listening on the rug, even if other students are talking or being distracting. She is working very hard in learning her letters and the sounds they make. She is very good at getting ready for recess and to leave at the end of the day, even with all of her "snow gear"!

Miss Brown: Frankie is the terrific kid this week because he has tried hard to follow our classroom routine. He has listened to grown ups and other students while they are talking and he has followed directions this week. Frankie has

given effort on assignments and has finished most of his assignments on time. Congratulations Frankie!

Mr. Perkins: This week's terrific kid is Joshua Gray. Joshua has been a great help this week during Miss K's absence. He has helped the substitute in keeping things running smoothly and orderly. Josh is a wonderful student with a great imagination and passion for reading. He is a hard worker and positive role model for the rest of his class. Congratulations Josh!

Alyssa Vaillancourt, Lindsay Turner, and Kortnie Stone received certificates for good behavior on the bus. Congratulations to all of our Terrific Kids.



The second and third grade class illustrated a book in Guidance with Ms. BJ for No Name Calling Week. The book is titled "Watch Out for Crocodiles" and it is written by Pauline Drummie. Their work has been given to the school library.

### Shrove Tuesday Supper on February 5, 2008 at 5pm at the Brownville Jct. United Methodist Church.

Admission is only a box of pancake mix (directions for milk or water only to prepare mix) or a bottle of pancake syrup. All are welcome. This is a time of preparation for the beginning of lent. The donations of pancake mix and syrup will be donated to the food cupboard.

Miss BJ held a Civil Rights assembly. Featured were the 2nd and 3rd grade boys Bully Busters and the 4/5 Civil Rights team puppet show.



**MAYO'S NEWEST**

A son, Kooper Ryan Badger, born to Allison Badger of Milo on January 20, 2008. Wt. 7 pounds 5 ounces.

**DO YOU HAVE A 4-YEAR OLD?**

Do you have a friend or relative who has a 4-year old? We are trying to plan for the 2008-09 school year. We need some advance indication of numbers for our kindergarten classes. Please take a moment to fill out the following form if you know of any children who will be 5 on or before October 15, 2008.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' name \_\_\_\_\_  
 What street do you live on? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Town \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nursery School Program \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to the Milo, Brownville or Marion C. Cook Elementary School.

**GRAMMIE'S WEATHER JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1989**

- 28-Sunny windy & cold-8 at 5:30 am.
- 29-Sunny windy-16 at 12.
- 30-Dusting of snow in night-snow & rain-22 at 12.
- 31-A little cloudy.
- 1-Cloudy-18 at 9:10 pm.
- 2-M sunny am Cloudy pm-2 at 5:15 am.
- 3-Sunny windy snow start at night-4 at 2 pm.

**Public Hearing Notice The Town of Milo**

The Town of Milo will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 6:00 PM at the Milo Town Hall in the Dining Room to discuss an application being submitted to the State of Maine CDBG program for a Community Planning Grant. The purpose of the grant application is to develop a plan for the revitalization of Milo's downtown business district on the north side of Main Street between Water Street and Park Street. Public comments will be solicited at this Hearing and will be submitted as part of the



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application. All persons wishing to make comments or ask questions about the grant application are invited to attend this Public Hearing. Comments may be submitted in writing to: Dr. Kenneth B. Woodbury, Jr., Piscataquis County Economic Development Council, 50 Mayo Street, Dover-Foxcroft, ME 04426 at any time prior to the Public Hearing. TDD/TTY users may call 711. If you are physically unable to access any of the Town's programs or services, please call Jerry Brown at 207- 943-2202, so that accommodations can be made.

**Mr Ken Woodbury will be speaking at the Three Rivers Kiwanis Club meeting on January 30 at 6 pm. This meeting is open to the public and will start at 6PM. It will be at the Pleasant Park Community Building and will have snacks!!! This will give him an opportunity to explain what they are trying to accomplish and how and why public participation is so important to the process and to effect a positive outcome that accurately reflects the hopes and aspirations of the citizens of Milo.**

**100-Mile Wilderness Sled Dog Race**

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2008

Time: 11:00 am

Place: BJHS Alumni Hall

67 Railroad Avenue, Brownville Jct.

Notes: The first teams will be arriving in Brownville Jct. between 11 and noon!

Contact: Terry Knowles - 207.965.8120

**Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

First team leaves Greenville at 9am.

**LAYOVER IN BROWNVILLE**

For 2 hours on **Railroad Avenue in Brownville Junction**, the first dog sled should be through between **11am. and noon.**

Viewing on **Front Street** and in **KI.**

**The American Legion & BJHS Alumni Halls will be open to the Public with hot drinks and hot food. You can listen to the team progress at the Alumni Hall on the ham radio.**

**A web cam will be set up on Railroad Avenue, to view go to [www.trcmaine.org](http://www.trcmaine.org)**

Meals that will be available

**OPEN TO PUBLIC & MUSHERS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, Railroad Avenue, Brownville Jct.**

At the **AMERICAN LEGION:**

**HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, FRENCH FRIES, SODAS, HOT DRINKS, DESSERTS**

At the **BJHS ALUMNI Building:**

**BAKED BEANS & HOT DOGS, CHILI, SERVED WITH COLE SLAW AND BISCUITS  
 CORN CHOWDER, CRACKERS  
 HOT DRINKS & SODAS  
 DESSERTS**

**Milo Free Public Library News**

By Judith D. Maccougall

This week I had to prepare and pass in the library report to the town secretary, Marlene Cole, in order for her to have time to prepare all the reports for the 2007 town report. I decided that I would do a short summary of that report for this column along with the statistics that we compiled at the end of the library year.

In January we added three new substitutes to our regulars. Melody Carey, Susan Duedall and Dearle Flint joined Monica Demers, Margaret Pinette and Belinda Raymond. In

February we had a staff appreciation luncheon for everyone to get acquainted and had lots of fun getting to know each other.

In March several members of Piscataquis Lodge #44 made and donated a half hexagonal computer table to our library. It has room for three patron computers with some privacy for each patron. All five of our patron computers have a high speed internet server now. Much less frustration for the patrons.

The library supported several children's programs this past year. Last winter Melissa Hill conducted a Preschool Story/Craft Time. In the spring and fall Val Robertson, Key Club members, other Kiwanians and parents presented several sessions of the Kiwanis Kids Korner. For eight weeks the library staff presented their 22<sup>nd</sup> summer reading program-Get A Clue @ Your Library. Forty-two children signed up for a summer of fun with reading, food prizes, incentives and a final party. Trustees, community members and library staff all made a summer fun time for area children.

In the fall Dearle Flint volunteered to keep our shelves dusted and our collection organized. What a big help she has been! And the job is continuous as long as Dearle wants to do it.

Pam and I have attended several Tri-County meetings in the area and even hosted one here in October. We enjoy sharing ideas with area librarians.

We have had many memorial gifts given in the names of Gertrude McKusick and Mary Graves Heath. We have had gifts of juvenile magazine subscriptions given by Lysa and Sam Hummel. We had a \$50 birthday gift given in honor of a younger sister, and an anonymous gift of \$100 that we used to purchase juvenile Maine books. These generous gifts help us to enlarge our collection, and we certainly do appreciate all of them.

We thank the Milo Garden Club members for our lovely geraniums which decorate our windows all year long, and thank them too for the lighted Christmas wreath in December.

A thank-you to Blaine Chadwick who brings all the library UPS boxes down from the town hall where they are delivered at noon (the library is not open at that time).

A very big thank-you to Dean Henderson, the library janitor who keeps us clean inside all year, and shoveled out in winter and mowed in summer. He handles all the janitorial problems at the library quickly and efficiently.

Statistically we offer the following information. We had 5348 patrons walk through the door and 2275 of them used our computers (42%). That is up from 29% last year. We circulated 7388 pieces of material. We accessioned 651 books and discarded 619. We received 55 ILL (Interlibrary Loan) books and materials from the Bangor Public Library to extend our services to patrons this past year. Previously we ILL 20-21 books for patrons. We are pleased folks are using this service more extensively now.

We hope to see you and your family in the library this coming year 2008. Please come in and use our services as we have a lot to offer all ages.

Library Winter Hours

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

Saturday 2:00-4:00 Telephone 943-2612

Connections

Use Connections to post your own free classified ads and keep in touch with friends and family members in both the Civilian and Military service. Submit your Connections by emailing [info@trcmaine.org](mailto:info@trcmaine.org), mailing it to Connections c/o Izzy Warren; 6 Kimball Street, Milo, ME 04463, or submitting it online at <http://www.trcmaine.org/connections/>

Military Service HONORING THOSE WHO SERVED

Military Funeral Honors is now an entitlement for all honorably discharged Veterans. There are no costs what so ever associated with this program.

The rendering of Military Funeral Honors for United States Armed Forces Veterans is a tribute that our Veterans and their families justly deserve and in fact, are now entitled to. It is a way to show our Nation's deep gratitude to those who, in times of war and peace, have faithfully defended our country. Section 578 of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2000 requires the Department of Defense to provide, upon request, Military Funeral Honors for eligible Veterans.

The Maine Military Funeral Honors Program began performing Military Funeral Honors Ceremonies for Maine's Veterans in late 2004. Since it's inception, we have performed over 2300 ceremonies from Fort Kent to Kittery and eastern Canada.

According to the Maine Veteran's Administration, Maine is losing nearly 4000 Veterans a year, (Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Army Air Corps and Merchant Marines). This rate is expected to continue with very slow reductions through the year 2030.

Any person, Active Duty, National Guard, Reserve and Merchant Marines, who received an honorable discharge is now entitled to an appropriate Military Funeral Honors Ceremony performed by US Military active duty service members.

I strongly encourage all Veterans residing in Maine to allow these dedicated members of the United States Military to perform this ceremony and to simply express our appreciation for their dedication.

Maine Military Funeral Honors Coordinator

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"Honoring those who served" \

AT WORK WEIGHT WATCHERS

A new Weight Watchers session is beginning.

We are looking for community members who would be interested in joining an At Work Weight Watchers Program at Milo Elementary on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 PM.

Anyone interested can contact DeDe DeWitt at 965-0049 (home) evenings or 943-2212 (work) between 2:00-2:45 pm.

## TRC Community Calendar

Visit <http://calendar.trcmaine.org/> for a full listing.

### Monday, January 28

9:00a Monday Morning Quilters

11:45a Meals for ME

4:00p Penquis Solid Waste Corp.

6:00p Penquis Valley Schools : Every 15 Minutes meeting

6:00p Volley Ball

6:30p Atkinson Selectmen

7:00p Alcoholics Anonymous

7:00p Piscataquis Amateur Radio Club

### Tuesday, January 29

5:30p Line Dancing

6:30p Post #92 Bingo

7:00p Sebec Planning Board

### Wednesday, January 30

6:30a Three Rivers Kiwanis

10:00a Church Thrift Shop

6:00p K.I. Riders

6:00p Wednesday Night Quilters

6:30p Boy Scout Troop #115

7:00p Overeaters Anonymous

### Thursday, January 31

1:00a EIOA Deadline today !

11:45a Meals for ME

4:30p Tae Kwon Do Class

6:00p Boy Scout Troop #112

6:00p Post #92 Meeting

6:00p Milo Selectmen

6:30p Line Dancing

6:30p BJHS Card Party  
 Friday, February 1  
 11:45a Meals for ME  
 12:00p Three Rivers Senior Citizens  
 6:15p Post #41 Bingo  
**Saturday, February 2**  
 10:00a Brownville Republican Party Caucus  
**Sunday, February 3**  
 12:00p Karate Class  
 2:30p Tiny Tigers Tae Kwon Do  
 2:30p Post #92 Auxiliary  
 3:30p Square Dancing  
 6:00p Alcoholics Anonymous  
 6:00p Brownville Jct. : Scrapbooking  
 7:30p Alcoholics Anonymous

**Italy Part 9 By Virgil Valente** Friday Nov. 9

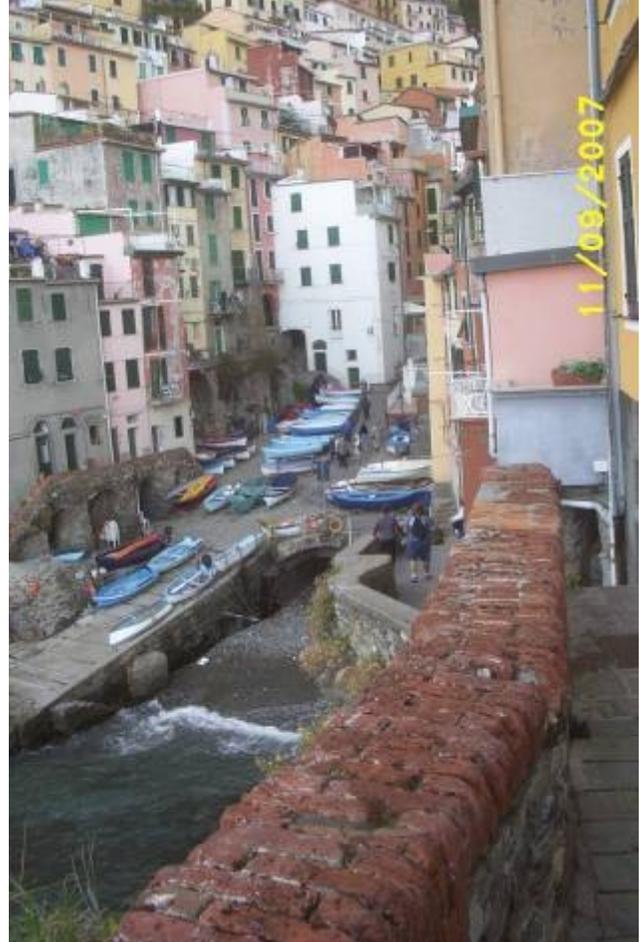
Today was a day to explore on our own. Fernanda said she didn't like to have days with nothing scheduled and suggested we accompany her to the Cinque Terre region by train. Cinque Terre gets its name from the five villages that nestle in the coves of the sea with mountains behind them. For many years it was impossible to reach them by road. One had to approach by sea or take the train which goes through many tunnels. There is also a footpath that goes along the cliffs above the sea. Her plan was to take the train to Riomaggiore the furthest town and work our way back.

At 9:20 we walked the short distance to the train station and purchased our tickets. We were a little apprehensive because there was a sign saying there might be a train strike later in the day. In Italy public transportation is allowed to strike as long as they give notice ahead of time. The people at the ticket counter said that a strike in this region was unlikely so we decided to take a chance.

We actually only got glimpses of the sea because we spent most of our time in tunnels. We stopped in each village and it took us 1 hour and 15 minutes to reach Riomaggiore. Because of the isolation all of the towns in Cinque Terre are experiencing depopulation. After exploring the few streets we took what is known as Via dell'Amore or Lover's Lane to the fourth town, Manarola. Because this path hugs the sides of the mountains and drops directly into the sea, I was a little apprehensive. I don't like heights. I was given the option of taking the train back to the next village where we could meet up. I decided I would walk on the side closest to the mountain and enjoy the view as much as I could. The views were stunning with the surf crashing a hundred feet below us. The wind was so strong that the fishermen stayed in port. The path itself was fairly level and not difficult to walk.

As the mountains rose above us we could see vineyards. It must have been very difficult to plant the grapes because of the almost vertical rise. To pick the grapes they had small monorails that took the pickers up and down the slopes. As we left Riomaggiore I looked back to see the houses stacked one upon another because there was little level ground. As we walked I noticed that some of the hills had been carved into terraces for easier farming.

We arrived in Manarola after about 20 minutes and had to take a long set of steep stairs to get to the town. I think the stairs were the worst part of the walk as far as my fear of heights was concerned. In Manarola we walked the main street to the beach area and explored around the town before taking the train again. We bypassed Corniglia and got



off in Vernazza for lunch. Steff, my sister Georgia and I ate at a small restaurant called Volnetia. I had a salami pizza. The inside walls of the restaurant were made of 2-3 inch stones mortared together. It was obviously a very old building.

We met up with the others of our group and found that they had found a great shop. The owner had spent a few years in New York City. I wanted to shop but there was a long line and we had a train to catch. We got to the station and



found our train was delayed by an hour so I went back to the store and bought some olive oil of the region along with some balsamic vinegar and oddly shaped pasta.

Since there was time to spare, we sat on some steps with 3 cats. Their pictures were on some postcards in a shop nearby. They were sitting on a towel and loved to be made of. There was a tiger, a money cat and the third was chocolate with brown patches. We had fun watching them go behind us so they could sneak up on some pigeons.

When we returned to the station we found our train was delayed another couple of hours. Thankfully Fernanda was with us and told us what train to take to get us back in Rapallo around 5:30.

Mary went with Fernanda to the police station to report her pick pocketing incident. Fernanda said if it was reported then the insurance we had purchased would cover any charge for replacing documents.

At 7:30 a group of us decided to go out for dinner. I wasn't really hungry since we ate lunch so late but decided I could go for a soup. Fernanda took 14 of us next door to a restaurant.

I noticed that they had lasagna on the menu and decided I might try that. Others on the tour were already there and said the ravioli was excellent. When I asked for the lasagna, the waitress said in Italian that they were out so I ordered the ravioli. About 15 min. later she returned to say that they didn't have any ravioli left either. I decided it wasn't meant for me to eat so I didn't order again. The other four at the table ordered 3 fettuccine with meat sauce and 1 gnocchi in pesto sauce. We found out the waitress was from Poland and didn't understand Italian very well. Fernanda tried to explain our order to her. She returned with 3 fettuccine and 2 gnocchi and some anchovies with roasted peppers. She said she would have to hide the extra meals because the chef was angry with her for fouling up the order. We had a great time laughing. I gave the others at my table 4 Euro for the cover charge, bread and tip. I left them having dessert at 9:15 and went back to our room to write in my journal. When I woke up the next morning I still wasn't hungry and was probably wise not to have eaten.

The pictures this time are of the villages of Cinque Terre and the cats.

## **Three Rivers Kiwanis, Milo - Brownville**

Minutes of Meeting January 23, 2008

Fifteen Kiwanians gathered for the weekly meeting at The Restaurant along with member Jim Macomber's daughter, Crystal, Josh Clement, Pres. of the Penquis Valley Key Club and Camille Cramer and Stephanie Vachon, Pres. of the Penquis Middle School Builders Club. Out-of-towners included six Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis members and four Orono-Old Town Kiwanis members.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the Morning Prayer, birthday wishes were extended to Joe Zamboni who celebrates another year on Jan. 24.

Happy & Sad Dollars were given for being thankful he doesn't have hot flashes; for the Builders Club installation being postponed until Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>; for being back to hear the noise we generate each Wed. morning; and for Val being an author among her other chores.

Registration forms and information regarding the New England District of Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference were received. The conference takes place on March 7-9 at the Crowne Plaza Worcester in Worcester, Mass. Deadline for the "early bird" discount on registration and meals is March 1. Room reservation deadline is Feb. 8. The mid-winter training conference is a mix of solid Kiwanis programs and general interest sessions that will give any member new insights into our volunteer organization. Club Leadership Education for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Members is offered on this weekend. Anyone interested in being a potential officer

or those who would like to learn more about leadership in Kiwanis are strongly urged to attend. Attendance at the conference also helps qualify you for the Distinguished Officer/Member award, which are presented every year.

The committee for the annual Variety Show will be meeting soon to formulate plans. Committee members include Val Robertson and Stephanie Gillis, co-chairs, Jeff Gahagan, Ethelyn Treworgy, Frank Cochrane, Eben DeWitt, Ben Kittredge, Ed Treworgy, Catherine Graves and Lois Trask. Any other members wishing to help on this committee please contact Val.

News has been received about the possibility of a Tourism Task Force Grant, which might enable our town to have a Fishing Center on the waterfront. Community support will be needed in order to obtain this grant and we are anxious to learn more about this project.

Pres. Val Robertson presented freshly printed copies of her compilation of stories from the life of a crazy animal rescue woman. This 124 page, self-published soft cover book titled "Up On The Farm," features the stories which originally appeared in the Three Rivers News, a weekly newsletter circulated throughout the town which is a project of Three Rivers Kiwanis of Milo and Brownville. The book is available for \$10, and the proceeds will benefit P.A.W.S.

Our next meeting is Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> and is a Fifth Wednesday, therefore, we will have an evening meeting which will be held at Pleasant Park Community Center on Pleasant St at 6 p.m. We will have appetizers, a Pig in a Poke Auction, and dessert. Those attending need to bring a wrapped gift with a clue of the contents on the outside to entice bidding. Our delightful auctioneer, Jeff Gahagan, will be persuading our bidders to bid high. Proceeds benefit our administrative fund, which pays for internal club expenses. As always, our evening meetings are planned to give those who cannot attend morning meetings the opportunity to join us in the evening. We hope you will come and join the fun at this social event.

Jim Macomber introduced our speaker today, Brenda Frasier from Womancare. Womancare is conducting a Capital Campaign, "A New Day" to build a new facility as new office space is a critical need of this organization.

There are four phases of this campaign: Advance Phase (June through Nov. 2006) included the planning and asking the Womancare family to support the campaign. Leadership Gifts Phase (Nov. 2006 thru March 2007) asks friends and supporters of Womancare to make leadership level gifts (\$25,000. or more) to the campaign.

Major Gifts Phase (March thru Aug. 2007) asks friends and supporters of Womancare to make major gifts (\$2500. or more) to the campaign. Community Gifts Phase (Sept. thru Dec. 2007) asks the general public to support Womancare's "A New Day" campaign with gifts of any amount.

A Black Tie Valentine Ball featuring ballroom dancing is scheduled for Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> in Dover-Foxcroft. Ballroom dancing classes are being held at the YMCA to prepare attendees for this event. The Ball will be held at the Penquis Higher Education Center at 8 p.m. on Sat. Feb. 9. Tickets are \$ 50.00 per person. Foxcroft Academy's Alumni Jazz Band will provide music. Abel Blood's will host a cash bar and refreshments will include tortes and savory hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are available at local businesses or by calling Womancare at 564-8165.

Other fundraising events will be held in area communities to support "A New Day" in the near future. Lois Trask, Secretary

**Attention All Citizens of Milo, Brownville and surrounding towns!**

Next Wednesday is the 5th Wed. in the month so we will be having an evening meeting at Pleasant Park. Once again Auctioneer Jeff will auction off great items which you are to bring wrapped and unidentifiable. You can even use the upcoming Variety Show theme of "Anything Goes" in deciding on what to bring for the auction. If you want to write some clues as to what the item might or might not be it adds to the fun of bidding on an unknown treasure.

We will meet at 6:00 PM for some social time with appetizers, and Ken Woodbury will be our speaker at 6:30 to give us information about plans that are being made concerning the cement slab where Kinney's Hardware was. This is to bring us up to date on how that area can be used to go along with the Park development along the Sebec River. After we hear from Ken we will let Jeff take over (7:00) to practice up on his auctioneering. I already have my item ready for the auction and I know you will all want to know where it can be purchased so you all can buy one!

Val has one of her books "Down on the Farm" for a door prize. If you haven't already seen one--they are really well done and a great book to have. She is selling them for \$10 and the money goes to PAWS.

After the auction is done we will have dessert!

If you can't be there at 6, come at whatever time works for you.

Hopefully this sounds like an evening you don't want to miss. Come Bring your spouse. Bring a FRIEND of KIWANIS . HAVE A GREAT TIME.

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**Copies are also available at The Head Shop  
5 Elm Street Milo**

The Piscataquis County Democratic Committee has scheduled monthly meetings to be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Oakes Manor Community Center in Sangerville. All are invited to attend and become involved in the exciting local, state and national 2008 elections! For more information, please contact Patsy Fortier at 876-4531 or Sue Mackey Andrews at 564-8245.

February 16<sup>th</sup> -March 15<sup>th</sup> -April 19<sup>th</sup> -May 17<sup>th</sup> -June 21<sup>st</sup> -July 19<sup>th</sup> -  
August 16<sup>th</sup> -September 20<sup>th</sup> -October 18<sup>th</sup>  
November 4<sup>th</sup>: ELECTION DAY - November 15<sup>th</sup>

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Joslyn, Maurice L. BROWNVILLE** - Maurice L. Joslyn, 86, husband of the late Etta (Seavey) Joslyn, died Jan. 19, 2008, at his residence. He was born Sept. 7, 1921, in Orient, the son of Boardman L. and Ida (Dwyer) Joslyn. A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he had worked for the town of Brownville in the Highway Department for many years. He was a member of Pleasant River Masonic Lodge No. 163 AF & AM, Anah Temple Shrine, Bernard Jones American Legion Post No. 92 and Brownville Junction United Methodist Church. Maurice is survived by a brother, Neil Joslyn and his wife, Virginia, of Lincoln; a sister, Pauline Bradeen of Bangor; a special sister-in-law, Phyllis Strout of Brownville; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife, Etta; three brothers, Carl, Floyd and Robert; two sisters, Faye Briggs and Etta Grant; and his beloved dog, Casey. Friends are invited to call 2-4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Lary Funeral Home, Milo, with Masonic services said 3:30 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22, at the funeral home with Pastor Garnett Chute officiating. Spring burial will be in the family lot at Evergreen Cemetery. Messages of condolence and memories may be expressed at [www.laryfuneralhome.com](http://www.laryfuneralhome.com).

**Paws News**

We have had some wonderful donations this week, and we would like to take the time to acknowledge a few. SFC Glenn H. Mott US Army, Retired sent a nice check along with an order for one of my books! David Hamlin, who is living in Portland also sent a donation and ordered a book!! I have copies of the books at Tammy Vail's Beauty Salon if you are in a hurry for one, but I will mail you or bring you a personalized copy if you call me at 943-2324!!



Tilly would like to thank you all! She is looking for her own home, is a spayed young female, currant on her shots and very friendly!!

As always, if you would like to see the shelter, or look at the kitties, you can call Mary Jean at 943-5116.

I can't remember if I thanked Theda Cowing for her generous donation so if I didn't before, consider yourself thanked!!

To make your own contribution to our cause, drop off a few coins into our cans at the Milo Farmer's Union, leave items in the donation box at the MFU or on our porch at 39 Clinton Street, or leave your cans and bottles at Mike Comeau's Three Rivers Feed and redemption store. You can also buy items there to leave at the shelter, or Mike will deliver them for you!! Talk about convenience! That, my dear friends is why we LOVE our area and appreciate all we have here!!